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Meetings of Branches and Divisions.

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METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH:

ST. PANCRAS AND ISLINGTON DIVISION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

THE annual meeting of the St. Pancras and Islington Division of the British Medical Association was held at the Midland Hotel, St. Pancras, on May 24th, Dr. BASIL G. MORISON presiding.

Annual Report.

The HONORARY SECRETARY (Dr. Alex. Brown) presented the annual report, which stated the features of the year to have been an increase of 30 per cent. in the membership and an unusually large attendance both at meetings of the Division and at general meetings of the profession convened by the Division. The report was adopted.

Election of Officers.

The following officers were elected: *Chairman*, Dr. R. M. Beaton; *Vice-Chairman*, Dr. Alex. Brown; *Honorary Secretary*, Dr. Joseph Wilson; *Executive Committee*, Drs. Roche, Adam Alexander, Norman Glaister, Rattray, Thurston, Glinn, Walter Smith, Matheson, Bulger; *Representatives on the Branch Council*, Dr. Alexander Brown and Dr. Basil G. Morison; *Nomination for the Vice-presidency of the Branch Council*, Dr. Walter Smith; *Secretary*, Dr. Griffith; *Treasurer*, Dr. Lauriston Shaw.

THE NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT.

The business proceedings were followed by a meeting of the profession in the district called to consider the present position with regard to the National Insurance Act. Dr. MORISON again presided, and a large assembly listened to an address by Dr. R. M. BEATON.

Address by Dr. Beaton.

Dr. BEATON said he intended, as far as he could, without divulging proceedings *in camera*, to describe what had been done in reference to the National Insurance Act by the State Sickness Insurance Committee of the British Medical Association and the Advisory Committee to the Insurance Commissioners. The problem before the State Sickness Insurance Committee was in reference to the six cardinal points. If the Commissioners refused any of them, the Committee had no power to negotiate—at any rate, with a view to taking something less than the Representative Meeting decided; all it could do was to take the matter back to the Representative Meeting and let it decide. If a deadlock arose with the medical men, the protagonists of the Act suggested either (1) payment of the medical benefits to the insured, who would make their own arrangements as private patients; (2) payment to friendly societies, which would make arrangements with the doctors; or (3) a whole-time medical service. Whether any of these alternatives was adopted depended entirely on the medical profession; if it remained united, there was no doubt it would be able to get fair and reasonable terms. The State Sickness Insurance Committee had addressed itself to the question of regulations in order to be in a position to make suggestions if the Commissioners drew up regulations and invited criticism. The relative values of payment by capitation and by attendance had been worked out. A report of the Committee with reference to a public medical service would be issued shortly. If the medical benefits were suspended, this would represent the constructive side of the Committee's work.

Dealing with the work of the Advisory Committee, Dr. Beaton said that Mr. Lloyd George had stated that this was not an executive committee, or one with power to negotiate. Mr. Masterman, on the other hand, said the doctors were negotiating in a most amicable spirit with the Commissioners, and that things were going so well that he would not lift a little finger to disturb them. As a matter of fact there had been no negotiations by the Advisory Committee with the Commissioners, because the Committee by Act of Parliament had no power whatever

to negotiate. The State Sickness Insurance Committee had asserted with strong emphasis that the members who had gone from it to the Advisory Committee were in a secondary position, that the State Sickness Insurance Committee was the primary committee representing the British Medical Association, and that if negotiations were to take place it was not the Advisory Committee, composed of friendly societies, employers, trades union representatives, and members of the medical profession, which must undertake them, but the State Sickness Insurance Committee, as the only body representing the British Medical Association on this question. (Applause.) The Advisory Committee had met twice—the first time without an agenda, and the second time with an agenda received so late that it could not be studied beforehand. The first meeting divided itself into two sections, and some interesting speeches were made, but as regards any result achieved by the section with which the doctors were concerned he was afraid he must use the comment sometimes applied by *Punch* to parliamentary proceedings and say: "Business done: *Nil.*" At the second meeting discussion took place as to the method of remuneration, and the method of forming panels of medical men. He did not like to say they did nothing, but they had a very interesting debate, and then they went home. It had been decided in future to hold the meetings in smaller sections. The medical men would meet and discuss questions of remuneration and formation of panels; the week after their conclusions would be discussed by the friendly society section, and the conclusions of both would be sent to the whole committee, which would discuss them, and after that something might happen. He asked them seriously to consider the position. By the middle of June the Advisory Committee would have come to some decision on the two matters he had mentioned, and in July the Representative Meeting of the British Medical Association would be held. Imagine the treatment members of the Advisory Committee would receive when they came to the Representative Meeting and related what had been accomplished. Some of them felt this so strongly that they had taken action, and the result, he hoped, would be a speeding up of the machine. The State Sickness Insurance Committee had done splendid work, and had a great deal of information compiled—the product of many hours of arduous labour. The Insurance Commissioners were getting all the information they could as to what doctors had been paid in the past and what they were being paid now, and medical men in certain localities might expect to receive calls from accountants, to whom he hoped they would give any assistance they could, so that figures might be obtained which would be of value, although the relation of the information obtained to the doctors' minimum demand was not obvious.

What was to be the policy of the profession in the immediate future? They had all made up their minds on one thing, and that was not to recede from the six cardinal points, or to return to the old position of being under the control of the committee of a club. They were determined to be free men, and masters in their own house, able to control their own business in their own way. To his mind this was more important than the question of money. He admitted that in these hard times money was a very important point; but, from the standpoint of doing good work, of advancing medical education, and public health, it was imperative that medical men should be able to act freely and independently of friendly societies or clubs. In urging those present to sign the supplementary pledge sent down from head quarters, Dr. Beaton admitted that the pledge was an exceedingly serious thing. To some men it meant practically promising to relinquish their whole living, and they had the fear that if they gave notice some one else would step in and accept the appointment at the old terms. The men at the hospitals felt they had difficulties; that their engagements with the directors of the institutions were binding upon them. Men in all classes of the profession were realizing that they were being called upon for great sacrifices. He thought they would all have to make sacrifices, although they might not prove ultimately to be sacrifices. The only thing to do was to raise a fund so that a man who could prove loss would not be without compensation. It must be remembered that the club patients would still require treatment, and would have to pay the doctors, so that no one knew exactly what compensation would be required. He hoped that in Islington and St. Pancras the profession would raise a standard that would be followed throughout London and the country.

Discussion.

The CHAIRMAN mentioned that he had received this message—"The staff of the University College Hospital has signed the pledge to a man." (Applause.)

Dr. MATHESON said he held clubs worth about £130 a year, but he thought it his duty to other members of the profession to sign the new pledge as he had signed the first one. He did not think trades union members of clubs would care to be attended by blacklegs.

Dr. GLAISTER regretted that so many members of the profession did not attend the meetings, and rather looked upon it as a favour when they contributed to defence funds, after receiving several calls.

Dr. TURNER urged that the profession must stand together as its only hope of avoiding bankruptcy.

Dr. BULGER mentioned that he had canvassed thirty members of the profession, all of whom contributed, those with clubs signing the undertaking with the others.

Dr. HAYNES expressed some doubt as to whether a levy of £10 a member of the profession would produce sufficient funds, either in St. Pancras or in the country generally.

Dr. SMYTHE thought it was rather unfair to ask a man who had constantly refused to take contract practice to subscribe for the benefit of those who had.

Dr. BEATON, replying to points raised, explained that the defence fund would be used in any given area, irrespective of the amount contributed to it. He presumed that the method by which the loss to the individual member would be estimated would be left to the Council of the British Medical Association.

Dr. JOSEPH WILSON, in proposing a vote of thanks to Dr. Beaton, said there was no Utopia in the profession of medicine, but the profession had made up its mind that it would not live in bondage, but be free to carry on its work with credit and honour to itself and with advantage to suffering humanity. Freedom would be secured by unity and loyalty and by burying malice and distrust.

The vote of thanks was carried and the proceedings terminated.

WOOLWICH DIVISION.

A SPECIAL meeting of all the medical practitioners residing in the Borough of Woolwich and practising there, called together by the Woolwich Medico-Chirurgical Society, was held on April 30th. It was decided to elect office-bearers for the new Woolwich Division just sanctioned by the Head Office of the British Medical Association. There were thirty-two members of the profession present, and Dr. COWIE took the chair. Dr. Goodall, Honorary Secretary of the Metropolitan Counties Branch, was present to give guidance to the formation of the new Division.

Election of Officers.—The election of officers was then proceeded with. The following were the results:—*Chairman of New Division*, Dr. Cowie; *Vice-Chairman*, Dr. Holmes; *Honorary Secretary*, Dr. J. Shaw Williamson; *Representative to Branch*, Dr. Lindon; *Representative at Representative Meeting*, Dr. Clarke; *Executive Committee:*—Woolwich: Drs. Cowie, Hirsch, Gray Duncanson, and Williamson. Plumstead: Drs. J. L. Clarke, Holmes, Lindon, Mair, and Wise. Eltham: Drs. St. John, Sandford Smith, and Thomson.

Adoption of Rules.—It was moved and seconded that the rules be adopted.

New Members.—Two new members were nominated and accepted: Major Fuhr, R.A.M.C., D.S.O., Captain Coates, R.A.M.C.

Provisional Medical Committee.—A Provisional Medical Committee was then formed, a meeting of which is to be held at an early date.

Vote of Thanks.—A very hearty vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Dr. Goodall for attending the meeting and giving his advice.

NORTH WALES BRANCH.

A MEETING of the Branch was held at the Imperial Hotel, Wrexham, on Wednesday, May 15th, 1912, at 2 p.m. Mr. EVAN WILLIAMS, of Bala, the President, was in the chair, and forty-six members were present.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed.

Letters of Apology.—Letters and telegrams regretting their inability to attend were received from a large number of members.

Report of the Branch Council.—The HONORARY SECRETARY read the report of the Branch Council which had met prior to the meeting for the election of five members of the Association—namely: Drs. D. W. Morris (Dinas Mawddwy), J. H. Williams (Flint), J. H. Douglas Webster (Colwyn Bay), L. W. Roberts (Holyhead), and W. Stanley Hughes (Denbigh). The report was approved and adopted.

Financial Statement for 1911.—The HONORARY SECRETARY submitted the financial statement for 1911, which had been printed and circulated, and showed a balance to the credit of the Branch of £11 18s. 2d. in the General Fund and of £6 15s. in the Private Fund. On the proposal of Dr. H. V. PALIN, seconded by Dr. E. Moss, the balance sheet was approved and adopted.

Welsh National Memorial to King Edward VII.—Drs. E. Moss (Wrexham) and H. Jones-Roberts (Honorary Secretary) were appointed the representatives of the Branch on the Medical Subcommittee of the Welsh National Memorial to King Edward VII.

Date of Annual Meeting.—Owing to the unavoidable postponement of this spring meeting, it was decided to hold the annual meeting at Barmouth in the second week of September, instead of in July as usual.

Adverse Criticism in Lay Press.—Mr. S. EDWARDS JONES (Wrexham) called the attention of the meeting to an article which had appeared in the *Daily News* for the previous day, headed "Killed by a Boycott—Tragic Story of a Devon Doctor—Medical Association's Brutal Tactics," and proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. J. D. LLOYD (Chirk) and carried:

> That in the opinion of this Branch the attack made upon the members of the Barnstaple Division in the *Daily News* of May 14th was perfectly unjustifiable, unwarranted, and misleading to the public generally, and we entirely uphold the attitude they have taken in the interests of the profession as a whole.

Visit of the Medical Secretary: Insurance Act.—Dr. Alfred Cox, the newly-appointed Medical Secretary of the Association, was present to address the meeting on the National Insurance Act, and was heartily welcomed to North Wales and congratulated on his appointment by the PRESIDENT and the HONORARY SECRETARY. Dr. Cox having thanked the members of the Branch proceeded to deal at length with the present position of the profession with regard to the Act and the conditions upon which an honourable profession can accept service under it. He referred to the supplementary form of pledge issued by the Association and the importance of signing it. Also to the guarantee fund, which every member of the Association should seriously consider his responsibility towards, as the absence of an adequate and substantial guarantee fund would cripple the efforts of the Association in its fight for the profession. Dr. Cox invited the members to ask any questions they might wish, and the following took part in the subsequent discussion: Drs. J. T. JONES (Llansilin), E. D. EVANS (Wrexham), W. B. WARRINGTON (Liverpool), F. YATES (Coedpoeth), S. EDWARDS JONES (Wrexham), J. C. DAVIES (Rhos), W. MICHAEL WILLIAMS (Penmachno), RICHARD JONES (Blaenau Festiniog), J. M. HUGHES (Ruthin), HUGH JONES (Dolgelly), R. T. EDWARDS (Dolgelly), J. D. LLOYD (Chirk), and RICHARD EVANS (Wrexham). Letters were also read from Drs. E. Lloyd Owen (Criccieth) and Emyr O. Price (Bangor). Dr. Cox, having replied), was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his address, and the lucid and highly satisfactory way in which he had dealt with the questions asked.

Luncheon.—Prior to the meeting the members lunched together at the Imperial Hotel.

DORSET AND WEST HANTS BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of this Branch was held in the Hotel Mont Dore, Bournemouth, on Wednesday, May 22nd, at 3.30 p.m., the PRESIDENT (Dr. Whittingdale) in the chair. The following members were present: Mr. F. Winson Ramsay (President-elect), Mr. T. McCarthy (Vice-President), Dr. W. Johnson Smyth, Dr. T. H. Sanderson Wells, Mr. C. J. Marsh, Mr. H. R. Unwin, Mr. J. H. Warburton, Mr. W. S. Wright, Dr. P. W. Macdonald, Mr. C. H. Carrington, Mr. G. Mahomed, Dr. A. Purkiss, Dr. C. Grey Edwards, Dr. Wm. Alexander, Dr. T. W. Blake, Mr. C. H. Watts Parkinson, Dr. Eleanor C. Bond, Mr. R. Mercer, Lieutenant-Colonel Decimus Curme, Dr. G. S. Small, Mr. J. H. Yearsley, Dr. J. E. Esselmont, Mr. W. E. Good, Dr. T. Hopkins, Mr. W. L. Bradshaw, Dr. G. H. Rutter, Dr. T. H. Fiske, Dr. A. Tuthill, Dr. G. F. S. Genge, Mr. F. C. A. Bushman, Mr. A. G. Mossop, Dr. H. Simmons, Dr. Vincent Milner, Dr. A. Humphry Davy, Mr. Jeffry Gott, Dr. A. R. Paterson, Mr. T. H. E. Watts Silvester, Dr. T. G. Bell, Dr. W. T. Gardner, Mr. P. A. Ross, Dr. H. Stanley Jones, Mr. F. Belben, Dr. J. Roberts Thomson, Mr. F. C. Forster, Dr. F. C. Bottomley, Dr. C. R. Willans, Mr. A. H. Vernon, Dr. R. P. Simpson, Dr. C. Saberton, Dr. J. S. Dickie, Dr. G. A. Reid, Mr. A. Kinsey-Morgan, jun., Dr. J. R. Morton, Mr. C. M. Adams, Dr. E. Hyla Greves, Mr. Bernard Scott, Dr. W. H. L. Marriner, Mr. W. H. Best, Dr. H. G. Lys, and the Honorary Secretary.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the autumn meeting, held at Blandford on October 18th, 1911, were read and confirmed.

Apologies for Non-Attendance.—Apologies for non-attendance were received from Dr. H. Dobell, Dr. W. D. Johns, Mr. R. B. Dawson, Dr. E. K. Le Fleming, Mr. W. Burrough Cosens, Mr. W. H. Cundell, Dr. J. E. Robinson, Dr. G. R. Rickett, Dr. J. Empson, Mr. P. A. Colmer, Mr. T. F. Ensor, Mr. C. B. Mooring Aldridge, Mr. A. B. Batley, Dr. N. Flower, and Mr. G. F. W. Flower.

Treasurer's Statement.—The TREASURER read the statement of accounts for 1911, which was adopted.

Divisional Reports.—Dr. ELEANOR BOND read the report of the Bournemouth Division and Mr. MCCARTHY the report of the West Dorset Division.

Report of Branch Council.—The HONORARY SECRETARY read the report of the Branch Council.

Increase in Numbers of Branch Council.—The Council having given notice of the proposed alteration to the by law, Dr. MACDONALD proposed, and Mr. MAHOMED seconded:

> That the number of members of the Branch Council elected by the Bournemouth Division be increased to nine.

This was carried unanimously.

Installation of New President.—The PRESIDENT (Dr. Whittingdale) then thanked the members for the kindness and forbearance they had shown him during his year of office, and introduced his successor (Mr. F. Winson Ramsay), who, he said, was well known as an active member of the Branch, having contributed many excellent papers, and whose criticisms of matters in which he was personally interested had always been listened to with respect and attention. Mr. RAMSAY then took the chair, and thanked Dr. Whittingdale for the terms in which he had introduced him, and the Branch for the honour of his election to the office of President. He mentioned that he had been a member of the Branch for twenty-five years, and had seen many changes in its membership. He then proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring President (Dr. Whittingdale), who suitably responded.

Summer Meeting.—It was decided to hold the summer meeting at the Asylum, Harrison, Dorchester.

President's Address.—The PRESIDENT delivered an address on prolapse of the uterus. Mr. MARSH proposed, and Dr. SANDERSON WELLS seconded, a vote of thanks to the President for his instructive and interesting address, which was carried by acclamation.

New Member.—The PRESIDENT announced that Mr. C. W. Branson had been elected a member of the Association.

Luncheon.—Previously to the meeting the members were entertained to luncheon by Mr. Ramsay.

Dinner.—After the meeting a dinner was held, at which eighteen members were present.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH:

BURY DIVISION.

THE annual meeting of this Division was held in the Derby Hotel, Bury, on May 25th; Dr. JAS. HOLMES occupied the chair, and about thirty members were present.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last annual and the last ordinary meeting were read and approved.

Annual Report and Balance Sheet.—The SECRETARY presented the annual report and balance sheet. The report stated that during the year 1911–12 the membership had increased from 37 to 62. There still remained 17 non-members in the area, but most of these had a good reason for not joining, and were in agreement with the policy of the Association. Eight general meetings were held during the year, to one of which the Bolton and Rochdale Divisions were invited, the attendance numbering 150. The average attendance at other meetings was over 30. Seven committee meetings were also held, the average attendance being 9. The balance sheet for 1911 showed a deficit on the ordinary account of £4 11s. 5d., and a balance on the extraordinary account of £10 6s. 10d. The levy of 5s. was fully subscribed. [At this stage Mr. F. C. LARKIN addressed the meeting in support of his candidature for the Central Council, and answered questions.]

Election of Officers.—The following were duly elected officers for the ensuing year: *Chairman*, Dr. W. J. Baird; *Vice-Chairman*, Dr. G. Scarr; *Representative*, Dr. J. W. Johnson, Highfield House, Bury; *Extra Representative to Branch Council*, Dr. J. B. Kerr; *Honorary Secretary and Treasurer*, Dr. J. C. Turnbull; *Local Secretaries*, Dr. J. W. Smith (Radcliffe), Dr. Lawrie (Ramsbottom), Dr. W. M. MacIlraith (Rawtenstall), Dr. Harrison (Haslingden); *Executive Committee*, Drs. Cruickshank, Lucas, Vine, and Nuttall.

Payment of Representative.—On the recommendation of the Committee it was decided to pay the Representative 1½ guineas per day during Representative Meetings, and to forward an honorarium of 5 guineas with the thanks of the Division to the late Representative, Dr. Brown (Rochdale Division).

Provisional Medical Committee.

An ordinary meeting open to non-members was then held. It was pointed out that the General Purposes Committee formed by the Division some months ago, and consisting of the Executive Committee with the local secretaries and two extra members, fulfilled the main conditions of the Provisional Medical Committee, so it was decided that this committee should be elected as such, with the addition of three non-members. Vacancies were filled as follows: Members, Drs. Cook and Holmes; Non-members, Drs. Birch, C. Crawshaw, and Compston.

Complementary Pledge.—This was discussed, and before the end of the meeting forty-three had been signed. Dr. KERR moved and Dr. MACILRAITH seconded:

> That the Bury Division in all negotiations with the local Insurance Committees shall strictly adhere to the principle of payment per attendance as opposed to payment per capita.

An amendment proposed by Dr. JOHNSON and seconded by Dr. CRUICKSHANK—

> That the present time is not opportune for considering the method of remuneration,

was carried, and subsequently as a substantive motion.

Nominations for Central Council.—Dr. Helme and Dr. O'Sullivan were nominated.

Votes of Thanks.—Votes of thanks to the retiring Chairman and Committee were carried in the usual way.

PRESTON DIVISION.

A GENERAL meeting of this Division was held on May 23rd. Dr. J. E. GARNER was in the chair, and fifty-two members were present.

Central Council Election.—After a few introductory remarks, the CHAIRMAN called upon Dr. REYNOLDS to address the meeting on his candidature for the Central Council at the forthcoming election. Dr. Reynolds put his views in a clear and forcible way, and he was followed by Dr. O'SULLIVAN, who, in a most excellent speech, appealed to the Division for its support. After a considerable number of questions had been asked and replied to by the candidates, Dr. SELLERS moved, and Dr. PIMLEY seconded:

> That this Division, having heard the addresses of Drs. Reynolds and O'Sullivan, will support their candidature.

This was carried with enthusiasm, there being only three dissentients.

Provisional Medical Committee.—The following resolution was moved by the HONORARY SECRETARY, seconded by Dr. HUTLEY, and carried unanimously:

> That this meeting of the Preston Division approves of the formation of a Provisional Medical Committee, and elects the Executives of the British Medical Association and the Preston Medico-Ethical Society, with power to add to their number.

The following were elected members: Drs. R. C. Brown, J. E. Garner, A. C. Rayner, W. H. I. Sellers, J. E. Dunn, A. P. Mooney, W. J. Leighton, J. Lea, T. Smith, A. J. Petyt, T. Pimley, T. Sharples, W. Pimblett, J. Anderson, J. Pearson, M. W. Talbot, A. E. Rayner, E. Healey, and W. Sykes (Honorary Secretary).

Complementary Pledge.—The pledge was placed on the table and signed by the majority of the members present.

Attendance on Unethical Members.—A long discussion took place on the ethics of attendance on members of the profession who do not work ethically by other practitioners, which practice was condemned. Dr. O'Sullivan was asked if returned would he endeavour to ventilate this subject and try to get some general understanding as to the line that ethical members should take when called in for personal or family attendance.

Resolution of Chelsea Division.—The resolution sent by the Chelsea Division was read and unanimously agreed with.

Annual Meeting of Branch.—A letter was read from the Branch Council announcing the acceptance of the invitation of the Preston Division for the annual meeting of the Branch in 1913.

MIDLAND BRANCH:

LINCOLN DIVISION.

THE annual meeting was held in the Guildhall, Lincoln, on May 23rd.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Report of Executive Committee.—The cash account for the year and the report of the Executive Committee were first presented and approved of.

Election of Officers.—The elections were proceeded with, and resulted as follows: *Vice-President, Midland Branch*, Dr. Purves; *Chairman*, Dr. G. J. R. Lowe; *Vice-Chairman*, Dr. Drury; *Representatives on Branch Council*, Drs. Purves and Frier; *Ordinary Members of Executive Committee*, Dr. Macdonald, Dr. Genney, and Dr. Clements; *Honorary Secretary and Treasurer*, Dr. Chater.

Instructions to Representative.—Certain subjects as tabulated on the front page of BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL SUPPLEMENT for May 11th, which will come up for decision by the Annual Representative Meeting at Liverpool were next discussed, and the Representative instructed thereon.

Patent and Proprietary Medicines.—The CHAIRMAN then read a letter from the Acting Medical Secretary as to obtaining evidence to be presented before the Government Select Committee appointed to inquire into the question of Patent and Proprietary Medicines. The Chairman suggested that any member who could should act in response to it.

Resolution of Chelsea Division.—The Representative was instructed to oppose the resolution of the Chelsea Division mentioned on p. 507, BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL SUPPLEMENT of May 18th.

Provisional Medical Committee.—A discussion took place with regard to the formation of Provisional Medical Committees in certain areas of the county, and preliminary arrangements were completed for one for the Lindsey area.

Vote of Thanks to Chairman.—The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH:

MONMOUTHSHIRE DIVISION.

A SPECIAL meeting of this Division was held in the Savoy Hotel, Newport, on Friday, May 17th. The CHAIRMAN (Dr. H. C. Bevan) presided, and the following members were also present: Drs. Marsh, Shoolbred, Gregg, Cowie, Logie, Verity, Hayles, O'Keefe, Mitchel, Gratte, D. E. Thomas, Tonks, Ryan, Neville, Hackett, E. Y. Steele,

Buckner, Basset, W. D. Steel, Hurley, de Gruchy, Kendall, Ingram, Morrell Thomas, H. T. Evans, D. M. Hughes, Elworthy, Cook, Burpitt, J. O'Sullivan (Aberbeeg), Connellan, and S. Hamilton and R. J. Coulter (Honorary Secretaries).

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Provisional Medical Committee.—It was decided to appoint a Provisional Medical Committee for the Division, and the following were elected to serve on it: Drs. Marsh, J. W. Mulligan, W. D. Steel, Hackett, Shoolbred, O'Sullivan (Aberbeeg), Haslett, Ryan, Cowie, Morrell Thomas, Hamilton, Mitchell, Cook, Greer, Gratte, Horace Brown, E. M. Griffiths, Lloyd Smith, de Gruchy, and Coulter.

Supplementary Pledge.—Several members expressed the opinion that the terms of the supplementary pledge referring to the treatment of patients in voluntary medical charities ought to be strengthened; but after discussion it was decided by a majority that the meeting was of opinion that the pledge as drafted by the State Sickness Insurance Committee should be signed.

SOUTH-WEST WALES DIVISION.

A MEETING of the South-West Wales Division was held at the Infirmary, Carmarthen, on Wednesday, May 22nd. In the absence of the Chairman of the Division the chair was taken by Dr. LL. M. BOWEN-JONES, Carmarthen. There were twenty-two members present.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of one ordinary meeting and three special meetings were read and approved.

Provisional Local Committees.

The Secretaries of the Local Provisional Committees presented their reports of the meetings.

Dr. SAMUEL WILLIAMS (Llanelly), reporting for the County of Carmarthen, said that the guarantee fund had increased most satisfactorily since the formation of the Committee.

Dr. C. A. BRIGSTOCKE (Haverfordwest), in presenting his report for Pembrokeshire, said that the practitioners in his county were almost unanimous in supporting the policy of the Association, and the Committee had done excellent work. There were a few practitioners still in the area who would have to be canvassed. It was most interesting to listen to Dr. Brigstocke, who has been a member of the British Medical Association fo 147 years.

Dr. JOHN DAVIES, Aberayron, presented the report for Cardiganshire. A committee had been formed for the county, and the first meeting had been summoned for June 4th.

Annual Report of the Council of the Association.—A discussion took place, but, as the time was short, further consideration was postponed until the next meeting of the Division.

Medical Federation, Limited.—A letter was read from the Secretary of the South-East Essex General Practitioners, advising its members to join the Medical Federation, Limited. Dr. EDGAR DAVIES (Llanelly) proposed, and Dr. MORGAN LLOYD (Llanarthney) seconded:

> That this meeting is of opinion that far greater service would be done to the profession if all the members subscribed to the Guarantee Fund cf the Association, and expressed its disapproval of any other fund for defence purposes being formed.

Other Business.—A resolution from the Chelsea Division *re* infamous conduct was read and approved. A letter from the Medical Secretary *re* Government Inquiry into Patent and Proprietary Medicines was also read and discussed.

EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH:

NORTH SUFFOLK DIVISION.

THE annual meeting of this Division was held at the Lowestoft Hospital on Thursday, May 23rd, at 4 p.m., Dr. RANSOME in the chair. The following were also present: Drs. Evans, Boswell, Schilling, Baylie, Morris, Helsham, Lay, Mead, Berry, Fox, Bell, Robinson, Owles, James, Mitchell, and Tyson (Honorary Secretary).

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Election of Officers.—The following were elected officers for the ensuing year: *Chairman*, Dr. Evans; *Vice-Chairman*, Dr. Ransome; *Representative at Representative Meetings*, Dr. Evans; *Representative on Branch Council*, Dr. Wood-Hill; *Honorary Secretary and Treasurer*, Dr. Tyson; *Executive Committee*, Drs. Wood-Hill, Bell, Hutchinson, and Schilling, with Drs. Evans, Ransome, Helsham, and Tyson *ex officio* members.

Votes of Thanks to Retiring Officers.—Votes of thanks were then passed to the officers of the past year.

Proposed Subdivision of Branch.—A memorandum was then considered on the proposed subdivision of the East Anglian Branch, and by 20 votes to 2 the following resolution was carried:

> That the East Anglian Branch be divided into a Norfolk and North Suffolk Branch, and an Essex and South Suffolk Branch.

Provisional Local Medical Committtee.—Dr. HELSHAM, Secretary of the Provisional Local Medical Committee, gave a summary of the two meetings of that Committee, and gave a most encouraging report concerning the number of Pledges and Resignation Forms signed by members in connexion with the Insurance Act, and of guarantees to the Defence Fund.

Fees for Ambulance Lectures.—The following resolution was carried unanimously:

> That in future no member shall give a course of ambulance lectures for a less fee than a guinea per lecture, without first obtaining the sanction of the Executive Committee of the Division, except in the case of those holding official appointments in connexion with military organizations.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND BRANCH:

GLASGOW CENTRAL DIVISION.

THE annual meeting of the Division was held on May 21st, Dr. R. JARDINE in the chair. There were also present Drs. W. D. Macfarlane, junr., G. H. Edington, R. Stockman, John Adams, J. Grant Andrew, P. N. Grant, P. Maguire, R. K. Currie, John Paterson, J. S. McConville, and W. S. Syme, Honorary Secretary *pro tem.*

Resignation of Honorary Secretary.—Dr. GRANT intimated his desire to relinquish the office of Secretary. The CHAIRMAN expressed the regret of the members that, in consequence of his recent severe accident, Dr. Grant found it necessary to do so, and conveyed to him the thanks of the Division for the great amount of trouble and time he had given to the work during his several years of office.

Vote of Thanks to Representative.—A similar compliment was paid to the Representative, Dr. John Adams. The Division felt honoured that he had been chosen to take such a prominent part in the negotiations relating to the National Insurance Act.

Election of Officers.—The following office-bearers were elected: *Chairman*, R. Jardine, M.D.; *Vice-Chairman*, J. Grant Andrew, M.B., *Honorary Secretary and Treasurer*, W. S. Syme, M.D.; *Representative for Representative Meeting*, John Adams, M.B.; *Representatives on the Branch Council*, Drs. R. Jardine and W. S. Syme; *Executive Committee*, R. K. Currie, M.B., R. Stockman, M.D., P. Maguire, M.B., P. N. Grant, M.B., G. H. Edington, M.D., J. Wright, M.B.; *Subcommittee for the Defence Fund*, Drs. R. Jardine, J. Grant Andrew, W. S. Syme; *Provisional Medical Committee*, Drs. R. Jardine, John Adams, John Wright, George McIntyre, J. Paterson, James Montgomery, W. S. Syme.

Membership of Division.—The membership has increased during the year from 126 to 138, but the proportion of non-members is still large.

Address by Representative.—The REPRESENTATIVE (Dr. Adams) gave a most interesting survey of the present position of the profession in relation to the National Insurance Act.

LANARKSHIRE DIVISION.

Provisional Medical Committee.

THE following is a list of the members of the Provisional Local Medical Committee:

1. *Hamilton (Burgh).*—Dr. Crawford, Katherine Bank, Hamilton; Dr. Livingstone Loudon, Linnwood, Hamilton; Dr. Robertson, Sen., Linnholm, Hamilton; Dr. Murray Young, The Glebe, Hamilton.
2. *Airdrie (Burgh).*—Dr. Kirkland, the Lindens, Airdrie; Dr. Thomson, Drunclair, Airdrie.

3. *Coatbridge (Burgh), Glenboig and Baillieston.*—Dr. Macphail, Calder Avenue, Coatbridge; Dr. Rennie, Coatbridge; Dr. Gibson, Baillieston.

4. *Motherwell (Burgh).*—Dr. Robertson, Stronbrui, Motherwell; Dr. Jack, Birkenshaw, Motherwell; Dr. Fotheringham, Rosshill, Motherwell.

5. *Wishaw (Burgh), Overton, Nemains, and Carluke.*—Dr. Duff, Orchard Villa, Wishaw; Dr. Paterson, Curatehill, Law, Carluke; Dr. Little, Nemains.

6. *Lanarkshire County :—*

Strathaven, Larkhall, and Stonehouse.—Dr. M'Nay, Larkhall; Dr. Watt, Strathaven.

Bothwell, Uddingston, and Bellshill.—Dr. Bruce Goff, The Lindens, Bothwell; Dr. John Goff, The Lindens, Bothwell; Dr. J. T. Wilson, Hay Lodge, Bothwell; Dr. Macpherson, Barrogill, Bothwell; Dr. Muir, Bellshill; Dr. Thomson, Hawthornlea, Uddingston.

Shotts, Holytown, Harthill, Cleland, Salsburgh.—Dr. Macmillan, Zebra Cottage, Shotts; Dr. Lithgow, Cleland.

Cambuslang, Blantyre, East Kilbride, and Newton.—Dr. H. B. MacPherson, Ardchattan, Cambuslang; Dr. Grant, Croft Park, Blantyre; Dr. Laird, Ingleside, Cambuslang.

Upper Ward District, including Lanark, Douglas, Lesmahagow, Abington, Carstairs, Carnwath, Leadhills, Wanlockhead, Tarbrax, Forth, and Biggar.—Dr. MacKenzie, Ringside, Douglas; Dr. D. Adams, Lanark; Dr. M'Kinnon, Biggar; Dr. Lindsay, Kirkmuirhill; Dr. Harrison, Lesmahagow.

Bishopbriggs.—Dr. J. B. Miller, Bishopbriggs.

Shettleston.—Dr. Rob. Davidson, Shettleston.

Tolcross.—Dr. M'Kinlay, Tolcross.

Stepps.—Dr. M'Guire, Stepps.

The following are the Chairmen and Secretaries of the Local Provisional Committees:

1. *Hamilton Burgh.*—Chairman: Dr. Crawford, Katherine Bank, Hamilton. Secretary: Dr. Hugh Miller, Old Auchingramont, Hamilton.

2. *Airdrie Burgh.*—Chairman: Dr. Kirkland, The Lindens, Airdrie. Secretary: Dr. James Monie, Westfield, Airdrie.

3. *Coatbridge Burgh.*—Chairman: Dr. D. Macphail, Calder Avenue, Coatbridge. Secretary: Dr. J. Andrew, Altona, Coatbridge.

4. *Motherwell (Burgh).*—Chairman: Dr. John Fotheringham, Sen., Rosshill, Motherwell. Secretary: Thomas Ormiston, Esq., Writer, 18, Brandon Street, Motherwell.

5. *Wishaw (Burgh).*—Chairman: Dr. W. Duff, Orchard Villa, Wishaw. Secretary: Dr. Brodie, 21, Belhaven Terrace, Wishaw.

6. *Lanarkshire (County).*—Chairman: Dr. W. G. Macpherson, Barrogill, Bothwell. Secretary: Dr. Robert Thomson, Hawthornlea, Uddingston.

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Association Notices.

NOMINATIONS FOR CENTRAL COUNCIL, 1912-13.

OWING to an oversight the nomination of Robert James Johnstone, M.B., F.R.C.S., for the Ulster Branch was omitted from the list published last week. Since that publication Dr. J. H. Taylor has intimated that his nomination for the Lancashire and Cheshire Branch was made without his consent, and has declined to stand. Dr. Jones Roberts has also withdrawn his candidature for the North Wales, Shropshire and Mid-Wales, and South Wales and Monmouthshire Branches; there will therefore be no contest in this constituency.

LIBRARY OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

A LIST of periodical publications, official reports, and Blue Books in the Library of the British Medical Association available for issue to members on loan has been printed, and copies can be obtained free on application to the Librarian, at the house of the Association, 429, Strand, W.C. The regulations governing the loan of these publications are stated in the introduction to the list.

The Library is open for consultation from 10 a.m. till 5 p.m. (on Saturdays till 2 p.m.).

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

DUNDEE BRANCH: DUNDEE DIVISION.—Alteration of dates. The annual meeting will be held in University College, Dundee, on Thursday, June 6th, at 4 p.m.—MARTIN SMITH, Honorary Secretary.

DUNDEE BRANCH: FORFARSHIRE DIVISION.—The annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 12th. The place and date of meeting have not yet been fixed.—MARTIN SMITH, Honorary Secretary.

EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH.—The annual meeting of this Branch will be held at Brentwood on Wednesday, June 19th. Members wishing to read papers or to show cases or specimens should communicate at once with the Secretary for Essex, Dr. B. H. NICHOLSON, East Lodge, Colchester.

EAST YORKSHIRE AND NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE BRANCH.—The annual meeting of this Branch will be held at Grimsby on Thursday, June 13th. Business: Annual Report and balance sheet. Election of officers. Presidential address.—EDWARD TURTON, Honorary Secretary.

EDINBURGH BRANCH.—The annual meeting of this Branch will be held in the Hall of the Royal College of Physicians, 9, Queen Street, Edinburgh, on Thursday, June 27th, at 4 p.m. Business: (1) Minutes of last meeting. (2) Apologies for absence. (3) Annual Report and Financial Statement. (4) Treasurer's Report *re* Guarantee Fund. (5) Election of Office-bearers for 1912-13. (6) Discussion on the Aftermath of the Insurance Act, initiated by Dr. Martins, Haddington. (7) Any other competent business.—MICHAEL DEWAR and E. SCOTT CARMICHAEL, Honorary Secretaries.

EDINBURGH BRANCH: SOUTH-EASTERN COUNTIES DIVISION.—The annual meeting of the Branch will be held in the County Rooms, St. Boswells, on Tuesday, June 11th, at 3.15 p.m., Dr. Oliver (St. Boswells) presiding. Business: (1) Annual report. (2) Election of office-bearers. (3) Motion by Dr. Georgeson (Lauder). (4) Motion by Dr. Davidson (Kelso). (5) Consideration of reports and instructions to Representative. (6) Any other business. The Secretary begs to intimate that he does not seek re-election.—JOHN JEFFREY, Honorary Secretary.

FIFE BRANCH.—The annual meeting of this Branch will be held within the Station Hotel, Kirkcaldy, on June 12th, at 3 p.m.—R. BALFOUR GRAHAM, Honorary Secretary.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH.—The annual general meeting of the Branch will be held at 429, Strand, W.C., on Friday, June 28th, at 4.30 p.m. Agenda: (1) Minutes of last meeting. (2) Report as to the election of new officers. (3) Annual report of Council. (4) Annual report of Representatives of the Branch on the Central Council. (5) Alteration of rules. On behalf of the Council it will be proposed:—That the Branch Rules 11 and 12 be altered to form one Rule—Rule 11—to read as follows: "11. The management of the affairs of the Branch shall be vested in the Branch Council, which shall consist of the officers of the Branch, together with the representatives of the Branch on the Central Council of the Association, and representatives of Divisions, as follows: (*a*) *Ex officio*—All the Representatives of the Divisions on the Representative Body. (*b*) *Ex officio*—The Honorary Secretaries of the Divisions. (*c*) One member appointed by each Division, and such other members as the Division may be entitled to appoint on the basis of one representative for every 100 members after the first 50." Branch Rules 11 and 12 are at present as follows: "11. The management of the affairs of the Branch shall be vested in the Branch Council, which shall consist of the officers of the Branch, together with the representatives on the Central Council of the Association elected by the Branch, and representatives of the Divisions. 12. The representatives of the Divisions on the Branch Council shall be not less than three for each Division, of whom one shall be the Honorary Secretary of the Division, and a second the representative of the Division at the Representative Meeting; for every additional 100 members of a Division beyond 50 there shall be an additional representative" [see By-law 16 of the Association]. (6) President's Address: The State, the Poor, and our Profession.—E. W. GOODALL and W. GRIFFITH, Honorary Secretaries.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: GREENWICH DIVISION.—The annual meeting of this Division will be held at the Co-operative Buildings, Brownhill Road, Catford, on Thursday, June 6th, at 3.30 p.m. Agenda: (1) Minutes of the last meeting. (2) Election of executive officers for the ensuing year. (3) To receive the annual report of the Division. (4) To read a letter from the Medical Secretary *re* the Government inquiry into patent and proprietary medicines, with a view to obtaining evidence as to harm done by these medicines. (5) Motion: That the Council be asked to create a Division to be named the Lewisham Division, the area of which to be coterminous with the boundaries of the Metropolitan Borough of Lewisham. (6) Any other competent business. Non-members of the Division are invited to be present, but they will be unable to

vote on Divisional matters. The Co-operative Buildings are close to the Lewisham Hippodrome.—LAWRENCE F. HEMMANS, Honorary Secretary, Lewisham Park.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: HAMPSTEAD DIVISION.—The tenth annual meeting of the Hampstead Division will be held on Thursday, June 13th, at 8.15 p.m., at the Central Library, Finchley Road, N.W. Agenda: Election of officers and committee of the Division for 1912-13. Annual Report of the Council. Provisional agenda of the Annual Representative Meeting (SUPPLEMENTS of May 11th and 18th). Members are requested to note the alteration in the date of the meeting.—E. ARTHUR DORRELL, Assistant Honorary Secretary, 7, Cannon Hill, West Hampstead, N.W.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: LAMBETH DIVISION.—The annual meeting will be held at Bethlem Hospital on Thursday, June 6th, at 4 p.m. Agenda: (1) Minutes of the last meeting. (2) Election of Executive Officers for the ensuing year. The following names have been nominated by the Executive Committee: Chairman, Dr. R. Esler; Representatives upon the Branch Council, J. Mackeith, Esq., M.B., H. Taylor, Esq., M.B.; Representatives at Representative Meetings, Dr. J. G. Porter Phillips, T. H. Parkes Peers, Esq.; Executive Committee, Dr. W. A. Atkinson, R. Capes, Esq., Dr. Couper Cripps, W. Cooper Keates, Esq., A. J. McNickle, Esq., H. Shapter Robinson, Esq.; *Ex officio* Members, W. Partridge, Esq. (Camberwell), F. Michael, Esq., M.B. (Camberwell), A. Matcham, Esq. (Southwark), J. Mackeith, Esq., M.B. (Southwark), A. M. Hickley, Esq. (Lambeth), Dr. Hamand Fraser (Lambeth), V. A. Jaynes, Esq. (Bermondsey), Dr. B. A. Richmond (Bermondsey); Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Dr. J. H. Clatworthy. Further nominations will be received by the Honorary Secretary before or at the meeting, and the election will be conducted by show of hands or by ballot as the meeting decides. (3) To receive the Annual Report of the Honorary Secretary. (4) To read a letter from the Medical Secretary *re* Government Inquiry into Patent and Proprietary Medicines, with a view to obtaining evidence as to harm done by these medicines. (5) To instruct the Representatives how to vote at the Annual Meeting at Liverpool. The Annual Report of Council will be found printed in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL SUPPLEMENT of May 11th. There are included in this report many important memoranda now presented for the first time; a list of those special items is given at the foot of the front page of the SUPPLEMENT. In the SUPPLEMENT of May 18th will be found printed the "Provincial Agenda for the Annual Representative Meeting." (6) Dr. J. G. Porter Phillips will give a demonstration of cases in the wards of the hospital.—J. H. CLATWORTHY, Honorary Secretary, 145, Denmark Hill, S.E.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH.—The sixty-eighth annual meeting of this Branch will be held on Wednesday, June 19th, at 2.15 p.m., at the Town Hall, Market Square, Bromley. The Council will meet before luncheon at the Town Hall; notice of the time and agenda for this meeting will be sent to members of the Council in due course. Dr. John Scott (President-elect) kindly invites members to luncheon at the Royal Bell Hotel, from 1 to 2 p.m. Agenda (in addition to the business of an ordinary meeting): (1) To receive the report of the Election of Officers for 1912-13, who shall thereupon take office. (2) To receive the annual report of the Council on the affairs of the Branch, and the annual financial statement. (3) To receive the Revised Rules presented by the Council for adoption by the Branch. (A copy of these rules has been sent to members of the Branch; it should be brought to the meeting and preserved for future reference.) (4) To consider the adoption of the Bradford Rules and of Rule Z recommended by the Council as an addition to the Branch Ethical Rules. (5) Any other business decided on by the Council or any other competent business. Rule 10 (*b*) referring to the annual meeting is as follows: "To consider any matter relative to the honour and interests of the medical profession which may be brought before the meeting by the Branch Council or by a Division. No business shall be discussed under this head without notice thereof having been given to the Secretary, at least fourteen days before the meeting, with the terms of any resolution which is intended to be proposed." Tea will be provided during the meeting. No excursion is arranged; the Council considered that urgent business was likely to arise, and that this meeting should be purely for business. The Bromley and County Club courteously offers to make all members of the Branch attending the meeting honorary members for June 19th. There will be an exhibition of instruments, drugs, and electrical appliances at the Royal Bell Hotel, from 12 noon to 6 p.m. The annual dinner will be held at the Royal Bell Hotel at 6.30 p.m.; charge 6s. each. Wine will be provided by the local members. Members intending to be present at the luncheon or dinner are requested to signify their intention to Dr. A. Tennyson Smith, Shanklin, Orpington, Kent, not later than Saturday, June 15th; members wishing hospitality for the night should also communicate with Dr. A. Tennyson Smith.—E. A. STARLING, Honorary Secretary.

SOUTH MIDLAND BRANCH.—This Branch will hold its annual meeting at Aylesbury on June 6th, under the presidency of Dr. J. C. Baker, at the Board Room, Royal Bucks Hospital, at 2.30. Agenda: (1) Minutes. (2) Letters, etc. (3) New members elected by Branch Council. (4) President's address. (5) Mr. James Berry, F.R.C.S.: Address on Tumours of Bone, with Special Reference to Diagnosis (illustrated by museum specimens and skiagrams). Before the meeting a short meeting of Branch Council will be held. Agenda: (1) Minutes. (2) Letters. (3) Election of new member. (4) Place and time of autumnal meeting. The President invites all members to luncheon at the George Hotel at 1.15 p.m.; any member intending to accept this invitation is requested to let the President know not later than Monday, June 3rd.—E. HARRIES-JONES, Honorary Secretary.

SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH.—The annual meeting will be held in the Hotel Victoria, Newquay, on Wednesday, June 26th, at 3 p.m.—RUSSELL COOMBE, Branch Secretary.

STAFFORDSHIRE BRANCH: MID STAFFORDSHIRE DIVISION.—The tenth annual general meeting of this Division will be held at the North-Western Hotel, Stafford, on June 14th, at 2.45 for 3 p.m. Agenda: (1) Notice convening the meeting. (2) Minutes of the last annual general meeting. (3) Correspondence, if any. (4) To receive report of Representative at the Special Representative Meeting held in February. (5) To receive report, if any, of Representative on the Branch Council. (6) To receive annual report of Honorary Secretary. (7) To receive reports from Secretaries of the Provisional Medical Committees for the Division area and for Burton-on-Trent. (8) To elect officers for year 1912-13: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Executive Committee, Ethical Committee, Representative for Annual Representative Meeting, 1912. (9) To instruct the Representative in regard to matters referred to the Divisions for consideration—for example, (*a*) Model Ethical Rules, pars. 76-81 and Appendix ix (SUPPLEMENT of May 11th); (*b*) Public Health and Poor Law, par. 37, p. 507 (SUPPLEMENT, May 18th); (*c*) Certificates and reports on cases, pars. 32 and 33, p. 507; (*d*) State Sickness Insurance, pars. 35 and 36, p. 507. (10) Any other business. (Members are requested to bring with them the SUPPLEMENTS to the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of May 11th and 18th.)—A. E. HODDER, Honorary Secretary, Stafford.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS IN AID OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

THE Council of the British Medical Association is prepared to receive applications for Research Scholarships, as follows:

1. An ERNEST HART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP, of the value of £200 per annum, for the study of some subject in the department of State Medicine.
2. THREE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS, each of the value of £150 per annum, for research into some subject relating to the Causation, Prevention, or Treatment of Disease.

Each Scholarship is tenable for one year, commencing on October 1st, 1912. A Scholar may be reappointed for not more than two additional terms.

The conditions of the award of Scholarships are stated in the Regulations, a copy of which will be supplied on application to the Medical Secretary of the Association, 429, Strand, London, W.C.

GRANTS.

The Council of the British Medical Association is also prepared to receive applications for Grants for the assistance of Research into the Causation, Treatment, or Prevention of Disease. Preference will be given, other things being equal, to members of the medical profession and to applicants who propose as subjects of investigation problems directly related to practical medicine.

The conditions of the award of Grants are stated in the Regulations, a copy of which will be supplied on application to the Medical Secretary of the Association, 429, Strand, London, W.C.

Applications.

Applications for Scholarships and Grants for the year 1912-13 must be made not later than Tuesday, June 11th, 1912, in the prescribed form, a copy of which will be supplied by the Medical Secretary on application.

Each application should be accompanied by testimonials, including a recommendation from the head of the laboratory, if any, in which the applicant proposes to work, setting out the fitness of the candidate to conduct such work, and the probable value of the work to be undertaken. This is not intended, however, to prevent applications for Grants in aid of work which need not be performed in a recognized laboratory.

ALFRED COX, *Medical Secretary.*

429, Strand, London, W.C.

National Insurance.

SCOTLAND.

THE National Health Insurance Commissioners (Scotland) have issued several circulars in connexion with the formation of Insurance Committees in the various counties and burghs of Scotland.

Counties.

The County Council will appoint a quota of the members of the Insurance Committee for the county. The size of such committees may vary in point of numbers from 25 to 80 as the Commissioners may determine, but the proportionate representation of the County Council thereon will ordinarily be one-fifth of the whole. This representation may, however, be increased by the Insurance Commissioners when any part of the cost of medical or sanatorium benefit is defrayed by the County Council out of the county fund. The Council will also appoint one, two, or three duly qualified medical practitioners, according as the committee consists of less than 60, 60 and upwards, or 80 members respectively. The Insurance Committee will be responsible, among other matters, for the arrangements connected with the administration of (1) medical and sanatorium benefits in respect of the whole of the insured persons resident in its area; (2) sickness, disablement, and maternity benefits in respect of "deposit contributors"—that is, insured persons who are not members of an approved society.

District Insurance Committees.

Under regulations to be made by the Commissioners, the Insurance Committee of every county (except in cases where, owing to special circumstances, the Commissioners consider it unnecessary) will be required to prepare and submit for the approval of the Commissioners a scheme providing for the appointment of district Insurance Committees and prescribing their areas. [Section 59 (4).]

In particular the scheme must provide for the appointment of a district Insurance Committee for each burgh with less than 20,000 inhabitants; and power is given to the Insurance Committee (or, on appeal, to the Insurance Commissioners) to group "any adjoining areas" within any such burgh for the purpose of the appointment of a district Insurance Committee. Before preparing their scheme, however, the Insurance Committee must consult with the County Council, or a committee thereof appointed for the purpose, and consider any representation which they may make regarding it. [Section 59 (4) Proviso.]

County Society.

A County Council has power, within a year from the commencement of the Act (that is, before July 15th, 1913), to submit a scheme to the Commissioners for the establishment, under the council, of an approved society for the county, should such appear desirable, having regard to the number of employed contributors in the county who are not members of any society otherwise approved under the Act. It has to be noted that while there may be difficulty in obtaining, prior to July 15th, 1912, any trustworthy information as to the probable number of deposit contributors in the county, the council are expressly authorized at any time after the passing of the Act (that is, after December 16th, 1911) to take such steps as appear necessary with a view to ascertaining what insured persons resident in the county are eligible and willing to become members of the proposed county society, and generally for the formation of the society.

Sanatoriums.

The Commissioners draw special attention to Section 64 of the Act, which confers upon County Councils important powers in addition to those which they already possess as regards the provision of sanatoriums for the treatment of tuberculosis. In the event of a Parliamentary grant being allocated to them for the purpose, and if so authorized by the Local Government Board, County Councils may build, manage, and maintain sanatoriums and other institutions for the treatment of tuberculosis and such other diseases as may be appointed by the Board with the consent of the Treasury. The expenses of such sanatoriums and other institutions, so far as not defrayed by the grants in aid, are to be met out of the General Purpose Rate [Section 80 (12)]; or, if so directed under an Order by the Local Government Board, out of a rate for special county purposes charged on such part of the county as may be prescribed in the Order [Section 64 (2)].

With a view to providing treatment for insured persons suffering from tuberculosis, or other appointed disease, Insurance Committees must make arrangements, to the satisfaction of the Insurance Commissioners, as follows [Section 16 (i)]:

(i) As regards the treatment of persons in sanatoriums and other institutions, the arrangement must be made with "persons or local authorities (other than Poor Law authorities) having the management of sanatoriums or other institutions approved by the Local Government Board for Scotland." And for this purpose a local authority is empowered to provide treatment for insured persons outside as well as for persons resident inside the area of such authority. [Section 16 (1) (*a*).]

(ii) As regards the treatment of persons otherwise than in sanatoriums or other institutions, the arrangements may be made with "persons and local authorities (other than Poor Law authorities) undertaking such treatment in a manner approved by the Local Government Board for Scotland." And for this purpose a local authority is empowered to provide treatment (including the appointment of officers) if authorized by the Local Government Board for Scotland to do so [Section 16 (i) (*b*)].

The Insurance Committee for any county or burgh may, if it thinks fit, extend sanatorium benefit to the dependants of insured persons resident in the county, or any part of the county, or in the burgh, or to any class of such dependants, and in such case the arrangements to be made by the committee will include arrangements for the treatment of such dependants, and the sums available for sanatorium benefit will be applicable to the purpose [Section 17 (1)].

To facilitate co-operation among county councils, town councils, and other local authorities (not being Poor Law authorities) for the provision of sanatoriums and other institutions, the Local Government Board may, by order, provide for the constitution of joint committees, joint boards, or otherwise for the joint exercise of the powers relating to such institutions [Section 64 (3)].

Excess Expenditure of Insurance Committees.

To meet expenditure on medical benefit there will be paid each year to the Insurance Committee for the county or burgh—

1. In respect of the members of approved societies, such sum as may be agreed between the societies and the Committee, or, in default of an agreement, as may be determined by the Insurance Commissioners [Section 15 (*b*)]; and
2. In respect of deposit contributors, such sum as the Insurance Committee may, with the consent of the Commissioners, determine [Section 42 (*d*)].

If this amount is insufficient the Treasury and the Council, if they think fit, and if satisfied that the amounts to be received and the proposed expenditure are reasonable and proper in the circumstances, may thereupon sanction the expenditure, in which case they shall each be liable to make good one-half of the deficit, in the case of the Treasury out of the moneys provided by Parliament, and, in the case of the County Council out of the General Purpose Rate (or, in the case of a Town Council, out of the Public Health General Assessment) [Sections 15 (8) and 80 (12) and (13)].

On Sanatorium Benefit.

The sums available for defraying the expenses of sanatorium benefit in respect of insured persons [and their dependants if the Insurance Committee decides to extend the benefit to them] in each year will be:

(*a*) One shilling and threepence in respect of each insured person resident in the county or burgh, payable out of the funds from which benefits are payable under Part I of the Act;
(*b*) One penny in respect of each such person, payable out of moneys provided by Parliament.

The regulations with regard to excess expenditure are similar to that of medical benefit.

Excessive Sickness.

When it is alleged by the Insurance Commissioners or any approved society or Insurance Committee interested that there is excessive sickness amongst the persons for the administration of whose sickness or disablement benefit the society or committee is responsible, and that the excess is due to:

1. The conditions or nature of employment of such persons.
2. Bad housing or insanitary conditions in the locality.
3. An insufficient or contaminated water supply.
4. Neglect on the part of any person or authority—
   (*a*) To observe or enforce the provisions of any Act relating to the health of workers in factories, workshops, mines, quarries, or other industries, or relating to public health, or the housing of the working classes, or any regulations made under any such Act. Or
   (*b*) To observe or enforce any public health precautions.

The Commissioners, society, or committee may claim from the person or authority alleged to be in default payment of the excess expenditure incurred.

Failing agreement on the subject, the Secretary of State for the Home Department or the Local Government Board, as the case may be, may, on the application of the Commissioners, society, or committee, appoint a "competent person" to hold an inquiry. The person holding the inquiry is to report to the authority by whom he was appointed, who will consider the report and decide whether any, and if so, what, action is to be taken.

The "average expectation of sickness" is to be calculated in accordance with tables to be prepared by the Insurance Commissioners, who will make regulations for the procedure at inquiries.

Insurance Committees for Burghs.

The regulations regarding the formation of Insurance Committees in burghs are on the same lines as those issued to county councils.

Regarding burghs having a population of less than 20,000 these are, for the purposes of Part I of the Act, to be held to be within their respective counties, and unless already represented on the county council, will for the purposes of administering the Act be represented thereon as may be determined by the Secretary for Scotland.

The regulations relating to County Insurance Committees will also apply to these burghs.

Behaviour of Insured Person during Disease or Disablement.

A circular has been issued by the Scottish Insurance Commissioners with regard to the rule of an approved society in connexion with the behaviour during disease or disablement of a member entitled to benefit under the Act, and the circular states that it must be in the form prescribed by the Commissioners. The following is a copy of the rule which the Commissioners propose to prescribe:

A member in receipt of sickness or disablement benefit—

(*a*) Shall obey the instructions of the doctor attending him.
(*b*) Shall not be absent from home between the hours of [1] , and shall not be absent at any time without leaving word where he may be found, provided that the [2] may, if they think fit, exempt the member from the operation of this rule upon such conditions as they may impose.
(*c*) Shall not leave the [3] where he resides without the consent of [4]
(*d*) Shall not be guilty of conduct which is likely to retard his recovery.[5]

[1] Insert such hours in the evening and morning as may be desired. Different hours should be inserted for summer and winter.
[2] Insert the desired authority, *e.g.*, committee of management.
[3] Insert the place, town, or other desired area.
[4] Insert the desired authority.
[5] Add any further instructions desired by the society.

IRELAND.

SANATORIUM BENEFIT.

LAST week a large meeting of ladies and gentlemen, delegates from local bodies in Ireland, was held in Dublin for the purpose of considering proposals submitted by the Women's National Health Association, with the object of rendering assistance in making the treatment of tuberculosis under the Insurance Act effective. The Countess of Aberdeen said that the association had at present about 150 branches and about 20,000 members scattered all over Ireland. The Irish Local Government Board was now communicating with the county councils, pointing out the powers they possessed under the Tuberculosis Prevention Act of Ireland, and asking them to draw up schemes; also pressing upon them the immediate importance of founding a dispensary for tuberculosis in each county or county borough, and undertaking that large financial help should be given to all county councils providing such dispensaries. Regarding the further treatment of tuberculosis which would be recommended by the medical officers in charge of dispensaries about to be established, there appeared to be little hope that suitable provision could be made unless some voluntary body was ready to undertake to make this provision voluntarily, until local health authorities had had time to mature a scheme. The Women's National Health Association were ready to undertake this work, and had applied for a grant to be spent in making the necessary provision for the treatment of insured persons suffering from tuberculosis during the first year after the Insurance Act came into operation, all such work to be first approved by the Local Government Board, and to be of such character that it could be taken over by local health authorities later on. The association was, therefore, prepared to carry out the following work immediately:

1. The extension of the Allan A. Ryan Home Hospital for patients in the second or more advanced stages of the disease. There is unoccupied land lying adjacent, suitable for the purpose, belonging to the Corporation.
2. The construction of a large number of movable shelters ready to be sent in sections to any part of the country.
3. The hiring of houses in different parts of the country with a certain amount of land around them, which would serve for purposes of administration, with rooms for nurses, etc., and round which shelters could be placed.
   These institutions could be located in places convenient for the use of, perhaps, more than one county, and in districts where an active branch of the Women's National Health Association would undertake supervision, and be used for training patients as to how to treat themselves at home under supervision of nurses by short periods of residence—say, a month.
4. The equipment of the above houses and shelters.
5. Training of fully-qualified general nurses for special tuberculosis work by short attendance at Charles Street Dispensary and Allan Ryan Hospital.
6. Provision of sanatoriums and preventoriums for children.
7. Arrangements with suitable persons, who could let lodging in their own houses in districts suitable for patients and convalescents, and where doctors and nurses could supervise them.
8. The completion and equipment of Clifden Health Home for incipient cases.
9. Arrangements for enabling patients to be treated at home; loan of small shelters, putting up lean-tos, providing nurses, etc.
10. Farms for confirming the cure of cases arrested, and for the training of such cured persons in domestic and agricultural work.

It was understood, said Lady Aberdeen, that the association would be put in a position to carry out the work specified, and that the Treasury and the National Health Insurance Commissioners for Ireland had given their approval to the scheme. The Women's National Health Association wished it to be clearly understood that they only ventured to offer their services in this way in order to meet a national emergency, and that they only desired to carry on such work until the proper local authorities were in a position to take it over and put it on a permanent basis.

Dr. Kidd, of Fermanagh, suggested that the tuberculosis dispensaries should be in connexion with the county infirmaries, but that the existing staffs of these infirmaries should not be asked to do any more work without being paid for it. He thought that sanatoriums should not be in connexion with county infirmaries, which for the most part were situated in towns.

The following resolution was passed:

That this conference of delegates of local authorities in Ireland recommend the county councils to accept the offer of the Women's National Health Association, to give provisional assistance in the care of tuberculosis patients coming under the Insurance Act.

In the evening Professor McWeeney gave a lecture on the part which the dispensary will play in the battle against tuberculosis under the Insurance Act. He pointed out that about 1,000 beds would be provided under the new system, accommodating 4,000 patients yearly. All or nearly all of these would be in the early or curable stage, and slightly, or not at all, infectious. The bulk of the infectious cases, some 50,000, would not obtain admission, and would be no better off than they were at present. The only way of dealing with this enormous source of danger was to attack the cases individually in their own homes by means of a very perfect system of visitation in connexion with the dispensary.

IRISH ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

The first meeting of the Irish Advisory Committee was held in Dublin on Friday, May 24th. Mr. J. A. Glynn, Chairman of the Irish Insurance Commission, who presided, stated that he was authorized to say on behalf of all the Commissioners and the Government that there was no idea whatever of postponing the Act for a single day. He gave as one of the reasons for the delay in appointing the Committee that there were no approved societies yet in existence, but said he hoped to have the first batch approved in the first week in June. He asked the Advisory Committee to appoint a subcommittee, consisting of the doctors and representatives of the friendly societies and trade unions, to confer on the question of the certificates to be produced by the insured persons before sick pay would be given, with a view to making some suggestions which the Commissioners would lay before the approved societies for adoption.

MEETING OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSION IN DUBLIN.

At a largely attended meeting of the medical profession in Dublin on May 21st, Mr. J. P. Garland, Dr. Henry Jellett, Mr. R. P. McDonnell, and Dr. R. J. Rowlette were selected as the four representatives to be suggested to the Conjoint Committee, which is to submit four names for each county and county borough, from which the Commissioners will select two. A Provisional Local Medical Committee of thirty-eight members was also chosen. Medical men throughout the country are urged not to make arrangements with any of the friendly societies except through the Provisional Local Medical Committee in each district, as the societies, in canvassing for members, promise medical attendance as an additional benefit.

CONFERENCES OF FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.

DURING the Whitsuntide conferences of friendly societies numerous references were made to the Insurance Act, and the attitude of the medical profession came in for some criticism.

At the meeting of the annual movable conference of the Manchester Unity Independent Order of Oddfellows the GRAND MASTER (Mr. A. H. Warren), in his inaugural address, said that the Unity had decided to become an approved society, and the paramount business of the conference was to adapt the organization to the altered conditions. Under the Act the Unity had power to accept, reject, or expel, members upon any ground excepting that of age. He criticized the action of certain trade unions in attacking the friendly societies and poaching upon their preserves. There was, he said, uncertainty as to when medical benefit under the Act would be satisfactorily arranged. He quoted a statement by Sir James Barr to the effect that the more defiant the friendly societies become, the heavier would be their defeat, and continued as follows:

I was under the impression that for some time the friendly societies of this country (although vitally interested in this question) had carefully refrained from expressing any opinion, desiring in no way to aggravate the present position. We had not created the difficulty, and therefore it was not for us to find the solution. Judging by the speeches and actions of those who are controlling the destinies of the medical profession, there appears to be a deliberate intention to affront the great friendly societies. The 6s. estimate as the cost of medical treatment and medicine to insured persons under the National Insurance Act is reasonable and fair, and every one who has had any experience in connexion with the matter knows full well that under these conditions the doctors' position will be greatly improved. Doctors have a perfect right to practise trade unionism. They have a perfect right to strike if they think it wise to do so, but, before exercising these rights to the detriment of the whole community, they should consider that they are a protected class—protected by charter confirmed by Parliament—but that which Parliament gives Parliament can take away, and the friendly societies and all other working class organizations should stand shoulder to shoulder and demand the abolition of the privilege possessed by the doctors, if the doctors are determined to abuse that privilege. Let the Chancellor avail himself of the alternative offered by the Act, and hand back to the approved societies the medical contribution. There would be no difficulty in securing proper medical attendance and treatment for every insured person, for what the societies have done in the past they will be able to do in the future. The Chancellor of the Exchequer will be well advised to resist the inordinate demands of the medical profession, and in that resistance may be assured that behind him he has the support of the millions of friendly society members of this country.

At the annual conference of the Loyal Order of Ancient Shepherds at Dundee Mr. MCCOWATT of Belfast, who presided, said that the Insurance Act could not be accepted as a complete measure, and doubted the wisdom of pressing for July as the date for it to come into operation. Crude, ill-considered methods of collection and administration would cause irritation and annoyance; plans and methods ought to be formulated and placed before the local Insurance Committees and in the hands of friendly society officials before the Act came into force. The measure had suffered too much through slipshod work in Parliament, and similar negligence should not attend its introduction into everyday life.

The centenary of the Nottingham Imperial Order of Oddfellows, which has nearly 40,000 members, met in conference at Nottingham, where the organization originated. The GRAND MASTER said that the mistrust which still existed among members was unfounded, as the sick benefits would not be less secure than at present, though he admitted that the promised release of the reserve would not be accomplished. In his opinion the proposed allowance of 6s. for medical attendance was generous when compared with what medical men had hitherto been willing to accept.

At the special high court of the Order of Rechabites held at Leicester, Mr. PLATT, who presided, said that if a satisfactory arrangement could not be made of the medical question, the 6s. per member should be handed to friendly societies, who would deal with the doctors. A resolution was unanimously passed expressing the strongest objection to the minimum payment of 8s. 6d. demanded by the British Medical Association for medical services, and urging the Treasury and Commissioners to remain firm against any increase.

At the annual conference of the Grand United Order of Oddfellows at Cardiff, the GRAND MASTER said that unless carefully watched the administration of the Act would mean at the end of three years increased contributions or reduced benefits, or those societies which contained the healthiest and wealthiest persons would vote their members triennially larger and more varied benefits. A report made by the board of directors recommended the lodges to abolish entrance fees, and that for the purpose of the Insurance Act medical examination should be dispensed with.

At the annual conference of the delegates of the Hearts of Oak Benefit Society held in London, Mr. THOMAS MILLS, the newly elected President, stated that the society now had 305,000 members, a sickness reserve fund of over 4 million pounds, and had paid out since it was started in 1842 over 11 million pounds in benefits to members. He criticized the Insurance Act, and contended that State control should have been confined to supplementing existing benefits, providing adequate insurance for those unable to provide for themselves, and lightening the burden of the widow and orphan. Further, he contended that the good work of this and kindred societies should have received fuller acknowledgement.

PROVISIONAL MEDICAL COMMITTEES.

Chelsea.

A MEETING was held at the Fulham Town Hall on May 21st. Present: Drs. YOUNG (in the chair), P. Spaull, G. Coltart, J. Fletcher, H. Butler, J. C. Jackson, E. P. Satchell, E. W. Lewis, A. Millar, W. S. Lee, Campbell Boyd, W. Bonney, A. Benham, T. M. Ross, E. Hudson, J. J. Orr, J. Dewar, J. Hamilton, W. Keen, and J. R. Gallard.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter was read from the Medical Secretary *re* the proposed Public Medical Service.

The subcommittee submitted a report of the preliminary canvass of the profession *re* contract practice, etc., and the lists of each member of the committee were amended accordingly. The Honorary Secretary was instructed to forward a report thereof to the Central Office.

The CHAIRMAN drew the attention of the meeting to the excellent result of the canvass at Deptford, and moved:

> That the congratulations of this committee be sent to the medical men of Deptford on the noble stand they have made in the fight for the freedom of our profession and the good example they have shown to the medical men throughout the kingdom.

This was carried unanimously.

The HONORARY SECRETARY moved:

> That Dr. D. Whiteley be co-opted a member of this committee.

This was seconded by Dr. HAMILTON and supported by Dr. SATCHELL. After some discussion, in which the CHAIRMAN, Drs. LEE, BUTLER, and others took part, Dr. SPAULL moved:

> That the resolution be adjourned to the next meeting;

Also one standing in his name:

> That Dr. A. G. Wells be co-opted a member of this committee.

This was agreed to.

It was decided to hold the next meeting on Wednesday, May 29th, at the Fulham Town Hall.

City of London.

A meeting of the Provisional Committee for the area of the City Division took place on May 21st at the Liverpool Street Hotel. It was largely attended, nearly all the delegates being present; Dr. EVAN JONES was in the chair.

The HONORARY SECRETARY (Dr. Roe) read letters regretting absence from Dr. Southcombe and Dr. Dourno, and a letter from Dr. Cox, the Medical Secretary of the British Medical Association, requesting local secretaries to retain for the present the signed resignations of clubs, and not to spend any of the money received from guarantors on local expenditure. An account of the latter was to be sent to the Central Office, by which it would be paid. The Honorary Secretary said that the result of the canvass had surpassed expectations, and that he had to report that Bethnal Green had taken the prize. That, with one exception, every practitioner in that area had signed the pledge, and agreed to send in resignations of all his clubs.

The CHAIRMAN reported that Mr. R. C. Elmslie, who had been selected by the profession to represent the Metropolitan Hospital on their Committee, was unable to act, but had ascertained that Mr. P. Maynard Heath, one of his colleagues, was willing to take his place. He proposed to ask the Committee to accept this substitution. This was unanimously agreed to. The Chairman then said he should call upon the Representatives of the various Divisions of their area to report as to the success of their canvass. He was happy to say that the total success attained up to the present had been phenomenal, and the guarantee fund already exceeded £700, and would certainly exceed £1,000 when the returns for the whole area were in hand.

Dr. WHITELAW (N. Hackney) said that he had nothing to complain of the way in which he had been received when canvassing. He had succeeded in most cases. One practitioner had refused on the ground that he had always declined to countenance trades unionism. Another because a personal matter he had brought before the profession had not been redressed.

Dr. WITHERS GREEN (City) said that his district was a peculiarly difficult one to canvass, and that much work remained to be done. But he had met with great success. Some of those whom he had called upon were much exercised as to whether hospital men were going to sign the pledge. The Chairman pointed out that the terms of the pledge cast the same duty on hospital men as on general practitioners.

Dr. NICHOLSON (Bethnal Green) said that the only practitioner in his district who refused to sign the pledge at the same time stated it was not his intention to oppose the profession in any way.

Dr. PORTER (Shoreditch) said that he and Dr. Chetwood had been very successful, and only one practitioner had refused to join with them.

Dr. CUTHBERT DIXON (Central Hackney) said he had had no difficulty in getting resignations of the clubs, but his success had not been quite so great in getting the pledge signed.

Dr. RILEY (South Hackney) said his success had been most encouraging.

The subject of the admission of members to friendly societies without medical examination came up for consideration, and it was stated that many members were now being received by the same at the present time without the customary examination.

At the suggestion of the CHAIRMAN it was decided to bring this matter before the State Sickness Insurance Committee and ask for instructions.

Hampstead.

A meeting of the Committee was held at 19, Hollycroft Avenue, on May 22nd at 8.30 p.m. Dr. OAKLEY was in the chair and nine members were present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter from Dr. Ford Anderson accepting the chairmanship was read, and the Committee received a verbal message from him regretting his inability to attend owing to indisposition.

A letter from the Honorary Secretary of the Hampstead Division with reference to the existence of a local defence fund, replying in the negative to the question of the Committee, was read.

A letter from Dr. Hugh Thompson resigning his membership of the Committee and declining to sign the British Medical Association pledge was read.

Letters of regret for inability to attend were received from Mr. Peyton Baly and Dr. Oppenheimer. Dr. Oppenheimer in his letter suggested an alteration in the wording of a paragraph of the draft circular letter in the subcommittee's report.

Communications from the Medical Secretary of the British Medical Association were also read.

The report of the subcommittee was discussed, and Dr. PRITCHARD proposed and Mr. ALLEN seconded:

> That the rules drafted in the report of the subcommittee be adopted.

Carried *nemine contradicente.*

Dr. PICARD moved and Dr. PRITCHARD seconded:

> That a paragraph be added to the circular letter to the effect that all members of the Committee had signed the enclosed pledge.

Carried *nemine contradicente.*

All the members present then signed the pledge, and the Honorary Secretary was instructed to obtain the signatures of all the absent members as soon as possible.

Dr. PRITCHARD moved and it was seconded by Mr. HILLS:

> That stamped and addressed envelopes for reply be sent with the circular letter.

This was carried *nemine contradicente.*

The CHAIRMAN then moved that the remainder of the report be adopted, and this was carried *nemine contradicente.*

The CHAIRMAN suggested that the staff of the Hampstead Hospital should be approached on the matter of the pledge, and it was agreed that the Honorary Secretary should communicate with Dr. Sutherland.

It was resolved that the next meeting of the Committee be held at 70, Fairhazel Gardens, on Wednesday, June 5th, at 8.30 p.m.

Bristol.

A preliminary meeting of the local Provisional Committee for the area of the Bristol Division took place at the Bristol University on May 22nd at 4.30 p.m.

This Committee, which is representative of all branches of the profession, not only in Bristol itself, but also throughout a large area in the counties of Gloucestershire and Somersetshire, consists of the following members: Drs. Michell Clarke (Clifton), T. M. Carter (Westbury-on-Trym), H. F. Devis (Knowle), C. W. J. Brasher (Cotham), George Parker (Clifton), J. O. Symes (Clifton), Harry Grey (Fishponds), Every-Clayton (Clevedon), Logan (Bedminster), James Young (Kingswood), A. Ogilvie (Clifton), J. Wallace (Weston-super-Mare), Brew (Chew Magna), Newman Neild (Clifton), G. Scott Williamson (Keynsham), C. Hinks (Wells), Willett (Keynsham), E. G. Hall (Redland), A. Norman Heron (Bishopston), M. G. Dobbyn (Redland), Samuel Smith (Cotham), C. K. C. Herepath (Cotham), Hubert Bristowe (Wrington), J. W. White (Nailsea), Ormerod (Westbury-on-Trym), F. E. Peake (Bedminster), J. Blackley (Fishponds), J. W. Wallace (Bedminster), Bruce G. Kelly (Burnham), H. Newsome (Pill), Maddison (Central), Brown (Fishponds), Clowes (Thornbury), L. H. Williams (Thornbury), Leonard Moore (Central), T. A. Collinson (Central), G. Shepley Page (Central), Crouch (Weston-super-Mare), Kemm (Weston-super-Mare), Vickery (Weston-super-Mare), Temple (Weston-super-Mare), Leche (Axbridge), Perrott (Kingswood), Barber (Staple Hill), Marion Linton (Clifton), Lily Baker (Clifton), G. T. Myles (Clifton), B. M. Rogers (Clifton), St. John Bullen (Clifton), J. Ellington Jones (Clifton), E. H. E. Stack (Clifton), J. A. Nixon (Clifton), Paul Push, C.M.G. (Clifton), Whicher (Clifton), Martin (Clifton).

All the above with the exception of thirteen were present. Dr. H. F. Devis was elected Chairman, Dr. G. T. Myles was elected Deputy Chairman, Dr. E. G. Hall was elected Secretary, and Dr. J. A. Nixon was elected Treasurer and Assistant Secretary.

The CHAIRMAN explained the main objects for which the Committee had been formed and the lines on which it would work, and it was decided that meetings should take place fortnightly.

The CHAIRMAN proposed, and Dr. ROGERS seconded, a resolution that the Committee should report from time to time to the Branch Council. This was carried unanimously.

The next meeting will take place on June 5th at 4.30 p.m.

Kent County.

A meeting of the Kent County (Provisional) Medical Committee was held at the West Kent General Hospital, Maidstone, on May 22nd, at 2.15 p.m., Dr. W. J. TYSON, Chairman. There were present: Drs. and Messrs. Fenoulhet, Young, Fisher, Watson, Wood, Maude, Walker, Hulke, Barrett, Brunton, Archibald, Coke, Parr-Dudley, Lord, Dartnell, Fairweather, Stillwell, Bailey, Potts (Honorary Secretary). Mr. Travers regretted inability to be present.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Dr. LORD read a letter from Dr. Cox referring to the amount of the Central Guarantee Fund, and the manner in which it was being administered.

It was unanimously resolved:

> That the Representative of the South-Eastern Branch on the Council be instructed to urge at the Representative Meeting in July that the temporary increase in the administrative expenditure of the Association, due to the National Insurance Act, be met by a temporary augmentation of the annual subscription, and not by further calls on the Central Defence Funds.

Memorandum D 49 was taken as read, and discussed at length. After a lengthy discussion of the wording of the resignation forms, it was unanimously resolved:

> That the Kent County (Provisional) Medical Committee strongly recommends all the medical practitioners of Kent to sign the pledge complementary to the undertaking, and also the resignation forms for contract appointments asked for by the Memorandum D 49 of the British Medical Association.

Dr. Randall (Beckenham) was unanimously elected a co-opted member of the Committee to represent non-members of the Association.

It was unanimously resolved that all the Divisions of Kent be requested to vote for the Chairman of the Kent County (Provisional) Medical Committee (Dr. W. J. Tyson, F.R.C.S. and P.), in the election for a Representative of the South-Eastern Branch on the Council, in order that the opinion of the medical men of Kent shall be directly represented upon that Council.

MEETINGS OF THE PROFESSION.

BETHNAL GREEN MEDICAL UNION.

THE first meeting of the Bethnal Green Medical Union was held at the Queen Adelaide Dispensary, Bethnal Green, on May 17th, at 4 p.m. There were present fifteen local medical practitioners and eight visitors.

The following officers were appointed: *Chairman*, Dr. Styles; *Vice-Chairman*, Dr. Nicholson; *Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer*, Dr. Hora; *Committee*, Drs. Swyer, Berdoe, Moore, Allen, Rogers, Benoly, Sasun, and Henderson.

The following visitors gave instructive and interesting addresses to the meeting, and were afterwards accorded hearty votes of thanks: Drs. EVAN JONES (Finsbury), TOLAND (Poplar), MAJOR (Shoreditch), OXLEY (Poplar), and ROWE (Finsbury), and Dr. SOUTHCOMBE (Honorary Secretary, City Division, British Medical Association).

The HONORARY SECRETARY informed the meeting that every practitioner in Bethnal Green except two had joined the Union, and all but one had signed the British Medical Association pledge.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the members of the House Committee of the Queen Adelaide Dispensary for their courtesy in lending the use of their committee room.

A very successful meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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A PLEA FOR UNITY.

DR. WILLIAM B. BENNETT (Aigburth, Liverpool) writes: As one of those who, at the meeting held in Liverpool on May 2nd under the auspices of the National Medical Union, voted against the resolution affirming our adherence to the seven cardinal points, I wish to state that my reason for doing so is exactly expressed in Dr. Ratcliff-Gaylard's letter in the SUPPLEMENT of May 25th, p. 568. Had the resolution included a pledge to support the British Medical Association, instead of the Union, I am sure it would have been carried unanimously, and we should have been spared the headline in the *Liverpool Daily Post* next morning, "When doctors differ." Another instance of the disunion promoted by the Union.

Dr. Francis Heatherley in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of May 18th, besides asserting that the above resolution contained what it did not—a pledge to support the British Medical Association—makes another equally unfounded statement:

"I am wondering what process of reasoning could have induced a large number of Liverpool consultants to applaud Mr. Larkin when, at a recent Divisional meeting, he not only admitted voting for the Smith Whitaker resolution, but said he would act similarly in the future should occasion arise."

Dr. Heatherley, who, of course, could not be present, has omitted to state that the meeting was mainly composed of general practitioners, who, after applauding Mr. Larkin's statement, a few minutes later nominated him to represent them on the Council, giving him almost double the votes obtained by Dr. O'Sullivan.

Why find fault with the consultants? One of the two nominees of the National Medical Union is a consultant, and Dr. O'Sullivan's seconder at the meeting, where he failed to secure nomination, was a consultant. Has Dr. Heatherley ever wondered what would have happened if the Council had not permitted Mr. Smith Whitaker to accept the post of Commissioner? Of course, exactly what a few days later took place in Scotland and Wales, where in each country a medical officer of health was appointed, and the policy of the medical officers of health is well known to be always antagonistic to that of the general practitioner.

The only reason for Dr. Heatherley's suspicious inaccuracies and omissions is to be found in the last lines of his letter, where he frankly states it is written with the object of influencing votes in the coming election.

EXAMINATION OF APPLICANTS FOR FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.

Dr. H. G. DIXON (London) writes: Referring to the very important letter of Drs. Ellis Milne and James McQueen in your last week's SUPPLEMENT, wherein they point out the great assistance we shall be giving to start the Insurance Act if we examine candidates for approved societies, I wish to make this practical suggestion, namely, that the Insurance Commissioners be given to understand that if our terms are not definitely accepted on or before July 15th we will, as far as legally lies in our power, refuse to make such examinations; this will bring matters to a crisis.

I have always held the opinion that the Chancellor's proposals and our demands are utterly irreconcilable by negotiation, and must be fought out. When he told us that we were like children crying for the moon our reply should have been three months' notice to terminate all club practice; if that had been given in March the present difficulty need not have arisen.

Mr. J. WEBSTER WATTS, F.C.A., Secretary of the National Medical Union, writes: In reference to remarks contained in a letter from Dr. Ratcliff-Gaylard as to the precise number of men who attended the mass meeting in Liverpool on May 2nd (organized by the National Medical Union), I would point out that 157 actually signed; but, according to the testimony of those at the entrance to the hall, many passed out without signing at all.

With regard to Dr. Gaylard's statement that the policy of the National Medical Union is not in absolute accord with that of the British Medical Association, I would refer him to the statement by the Chairman and Honorary Secretaries of the Union published in your issue of May 25th, whereby he will see that the whole object of the National Medical Union from its inception has been to strengthen the British Medical Association.

I may add that any apparent opposition has been to certain members of the Council, and not to the Association, which has always received the loyal support of the Union.

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVY MEDICAL SERVICE.

STAFF SURGEON P. D. RAMSAY to the *Ringdove* on recommissioning May 25th.

In accordance with the provisions of Order in Council of April 1st, 1881, Surgeon FRANK REGINALD FEATHERSTONE was on May 21st, 1912, allowed to withdraw from His Majesty's Naval Service with a gratuity.

Surgeon FREDERICK GEORGE WILSON, M.B., was on May 21st promoted to the rank of Staff Surgeon.

The undermentioned Surgeons were on May 23rd promoted to the rank of Staff Surgeon: HENRY WOODS, M.B., HARRY ARTHUR KELLOND-KNIGHT, ALFRED BERRIDGE COX, M.B., DOUGLAS DUKE TURNER, BRITON SMALLMAN ROBSON, M.B., BRYAN PICK, NORMAN BREMER VICKERS JACOB, ALEX. BEDINGFIELD MARSH, B.A., JOHN MILLER GORDON, M.B., JOHN DUNCAN KEIR, LESLIE CHARLES ROWAN ROBINSON, M.B., GERALD NUNN, WILLIAM CHRISTIAN BAUMGARTEN SMITH, THOMAS EDWARD BLUNT, JAMES MCCUTCHEON, M.B., B.A., GEORGE ERIC HAMILTON, M.B., WILLIAM TURNER HAYDON, WILLIAM LAWRENCE HAWKINS, WILLIAM NICHOLS HORSFALL, M.B.

Staff Surgeon F. LOBB to *Adventure*, vice Gittings.

Staff Surgeon G. DAVIDGE to *Collingwood*, vice German.

Surgeon H. DRENNAN to *St. George*, vice Staff Surgeon Davidge.

Staff Surgeon W. WALKER to *Delorus* on completing.

Fleet Surgeon H. TOMLINSON to *Imperieuse* and for Portland Dépôt, vice Barnes.

Fleet Surgeon J. MOWAT to *Antrim*, vice Shaw.

Staff Surgeon W. HARRISON to R.M. Dépôt, Deal, vice Keir.

Staff Surgeon J. O'HEA to *Sapphire*, vice Pope.

Surgeon J. AUSTIN lent to P.T. School and to *Victory* for P.T School, vice Hearn.

Fleet Surgeon F. LUMLEY to *Bellerophon*, vice Mortimer.

Staff Surgeon F. MCKENNA to *Devonshire*, vice Lumley.

Staff Surgeon L. LINDOP to *Ganges* for Shotley Training Establishment, vice Staff Surgeon Lobb.

ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE.

COLONEL STAPHYLTON C. B. ROBINSON is placed on retired pay, dated May 21st, 1912.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Lieutenant-Colonel J. W. BULLEN has been transferred from the Burma Division to the 7th (Meerut) Division.

Lieutenant-Colonel C. H. HALL has been transferred from the 5th (Mhow) Division for command of the Station Hospital, Maymyo.

Lieutenant-Colonel C. A. LANE has been appointed to command the Station Hospital, Madras.

Lieutenant-Colonel W. B. THOMSON, retired pay, has been appointed to the medical charge of the troops at Northampton.

Lieutenant-Colonel ROBERT R. H. MOORE, M.D., retires on retired pay, dated May 8th, 1912.

Lieutenant-Colonel A. E. TATE has been appointed Honorary Surgeon to His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor-General of India, vice Lieutenant-Colonel B. Skinner, M.V.O., retired dated February 14th, 1912.

Lieutenant-Colonel E. G. BROWNE has been appointed Honorary Surgeon to His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor-General of India, vice Surgeon-General A. T. Sloggett, C.B., C.M.G., appointed Honorary Surgeon to His Majesty the King, dated March 1st, 1912.

Major H. G. MARTIN, from Lebong, has been posted to the Dublin District from May 11th.

Major F. J. PALMER has been granted general leave ex-India for four months.

Major C. B. LAWSON from Netley has been appointed to Shorncliffe as Specialist in Operative Surgery.

Major C. B. MARTIN, now in charge of the medical division at Netley, has been ordered to Ireland, and is to take up duty at Cahir on June 1st instead of May 15th as at first ordered.

Captain G. H. REES has been posted to the Belfast District.

Captain E. G. FFRENCH has been transferred from the 6th (Poona) Division to the 9th (Secunderabad) Division.

Captain J. A. ANDERSON, from Bloemfontein, has taken up duty in the Scottish Command.

SPECIAL RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

CAPTAIN JOHN H. P. GRAHAM to be Major, dated April 11th, 1912.

Lieutenant ROBERT H. NOLAN, M.D., is seconded for service under the Colonial Office, dated January 15th, 1902.

The undermentioned Lieutenants are confirmed in their rank: WILLIAM M. BIDEN, M.B., GILBERT M. GRAHAM, M.B., JOHN W. GRAY, M.B.

Cadet Lance-Corporal LUDWIG SEIBERG BENJAMIN TASKER, M.B., from the University of London Contingent, Officers' Training Corps, to be Lieutenant (on probation), dated April 30th, 1912.

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

THE services of Major E. L. PERRY are replaced at the disposal of the Government of the Punjab.

Captain J. R. J. TYRRELL is granted privilege leave for three months' combined with furlough for three months, and study leave for six months, with effect from April 5th, 1912.

Captain G. F. I. HARKNESS, on relief in Sind, to be on general duty in Poona.

Lieutenant-Colonel ARTHUR OWEN EVANS, to be Colonel, dated November 21st, 1911.

Lieutenant-Colonel J. R. ROBERTS, C.I.E., has been appointed Surgeon to His Excellency the Viceroy and the Governor-General, vice Lieutenant-Colonel F. O'Kinealy, resigned.

Major C. H. WATSON has been granted ninety days' leave.

The services of Major E. L. Ward are placed at the disposal of the Government of India, Public Works Department.

Major W. SELBY, D.S.O., F.R.C.S., has been appointed to be Principal and Professor of Surgery at King George's Medical College, Lucknow, with effect from August 15th, 1911.

Major C. A. SPRAWSON, M.D., has been appointed to be Professor of Physiology at King George's Medical College, Lucknow, with effect from July 22nd, 1911.

Major J. C. ROBERTSON, Officiating Sanitary Commissioner, United Provinces, is appointed to be Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of India.

Major S. R. CHRISTOPHERS, Assistant Director, Central Research Institute, is granted privilege leave for three months with furlough out of India for one year in continuation, with effect from May 1st 1912.

Major L. P. STEPHEN, on relief to do duty as Civil Surgeon, Nasik, vice Captain A. J. V. Betts.

Captain T. C. RUTHERFORD, Civil Surgeon, Bilaspur, is deputed to undergo a course of instruction in clinical bacteriology and technique at the Kasauli Institute, on the termination of the course of instruction in malariology at Amritsar.

Captain A. J. V. BETTS has been granted, from May 3rd or subsequent date of relief, such privilege absence as may be due to him on that date, in combination with furlough for such period as may bring the combined period of absence up to eighteen months.

Captain W. H. RIDDELL has been granted six months' leave on medical certificate.

Captain F. C. D. FAWCETT has been granted three months' leave.

Captain F. H. STEWART has been granted furlough for one year.

The services of Captain J. H. BURGESS are placed at the disposal of the Government of Bengal for employment as Surgeon to His Excellency the Governor of Bengal, with effect from April 1st.

The promotion of the undermentioned Majors to their present rank notified in the *London Gazette* of March 22nd, 1912, has effect from December 28th, 1911, and not from January 28th, 1912, as therein stated: JAMES DRUMMOND GRAHAM, M.B., CUTHBERT ALLAN SPRAWSON, M.D., MAXWELL MACKELVIE, M.B., F.R.C.S.E., WILLIAM HENRY CAZALY, M.B., WALTER VALENTINE COPPINGER, M.D., F.R.C.S.I., WILLIAM MITCHELL HOUSTON, M.B., WILLIAM DAVID ACHESON KEYS, M.D., ALEXANDER CHALMERS, M.B., F.R.C.S.I., SAMUEL ROBERT GODKIN, F.R.C.S.I.

INDIAN SUBORDINATE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

Senior Assistant Surgeons with the honorary rank of Lieutenant to be Senior Assistant Surgeons with the honorary rank of Captain, dated March 12th, 1912: DANIEL O'CONNELL MURPHY, VALENTINE VINCENT CHIODETTI.

To be Senior Assistant Surgeons with the honorary rank of Lieutenant, dated March 10th, 1912: First Class Assistant Surgeons REGINALD ALEXANDER BERMEL and HENRY LOVELL WILLIAM CLARK.

The King has approved of the retirement of Senior Assistant Surgeon and Honorary Captain CAJETAN MARIE DE SOUZA, dated April 19th.

TERRITORIAL FORCE.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

South Wales Mounted Brigade Field Ambulance.—Captain JAMES McK. HARRISON, M.B., to be Major, dated March 25th, 1912.

First Wessex Field Ambulance.—Captain ALEXANDER W. F. SAYRES to be Major, dated March 22nd, 1912.

Attached to Units other than Medical Units.—Lieutenant-Colonel and Honorary Surgeon-Colonel THOMAS FORT resigns his commission, and is granted permission to retain his rank and to wear the prescribed uniform, dated May 22nd, 1912. Captain GEORGE GORDON, M.B., resigns his commission, dated May 22nd, 1912.

Vital Statistics.

EPIDEMIC MORTALITY IN LONDON.

[SPECIALLY REPORTED FOR THE "BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL."]

THE accompanying diagram shows the prevalence of the principal epidemic diseases during the first quarter of the year; the fluctuations of each disease and its relative fatality compared with the average in the corresponding periods of recent years can thus be readily seen.

Enteric Fever.—The deaths from enteric fever, which had been 16, 43, and 57 in the three preceding quarters, declined again last quarter to 31, and were 15 below the corrected average number; the greatest proportional mortality from this disease occurred in Fulham, Bermondsey, and Lambeth. The Metropolitan Asylums Hospitals contained 52 enteric fever patients at the end of last quarter, against 33, 155, and 76 at the end of the three preceding quarters; 110 new cases were admitted during the quarter, against 71, 237, and 171 in the three preceding quarters.

Small-pox.—One death from small-pox was registered last quarter; four cases were admitted to the Metropolitan Asylums Hospitals, and one remained under treatment at the end of the quarter.

Measles.—The fatal cases of measles, which had been 690, 159, and 140 in the three preceding quarters, rose again last quarter to 202, but were 544 below the corrected average for the corresponding period of the five preceding years. This disease was proportionally most fatal last quarter in the City of Westminster, the City of London, Southwark, Bermondsey, Deptford, and Greenwich.

Scarlet Fever.—The deaths from scarlet fever, which had been 43, 41, and 45 in the three preceding quarters, declined again to 23 last quarter, and were 80 fewer than the corrected average number. Among the several boroughs the disease showed the greatest proportional mortality in St. Marylebone, Finsbury, Lambeth, and Wandsworth. The number of scarlet fever patients under treatment in the Metropolitan Asylums Hospitals, which had been 1,206, 1,656, and 1,879 at the end of the three preceding quarters, had declined again to 1,296 at the end of last quarter; 2,051 new cases were admitted during the quarter, against 1,956, 2,638, and 3,330 in the three preceding quarters.

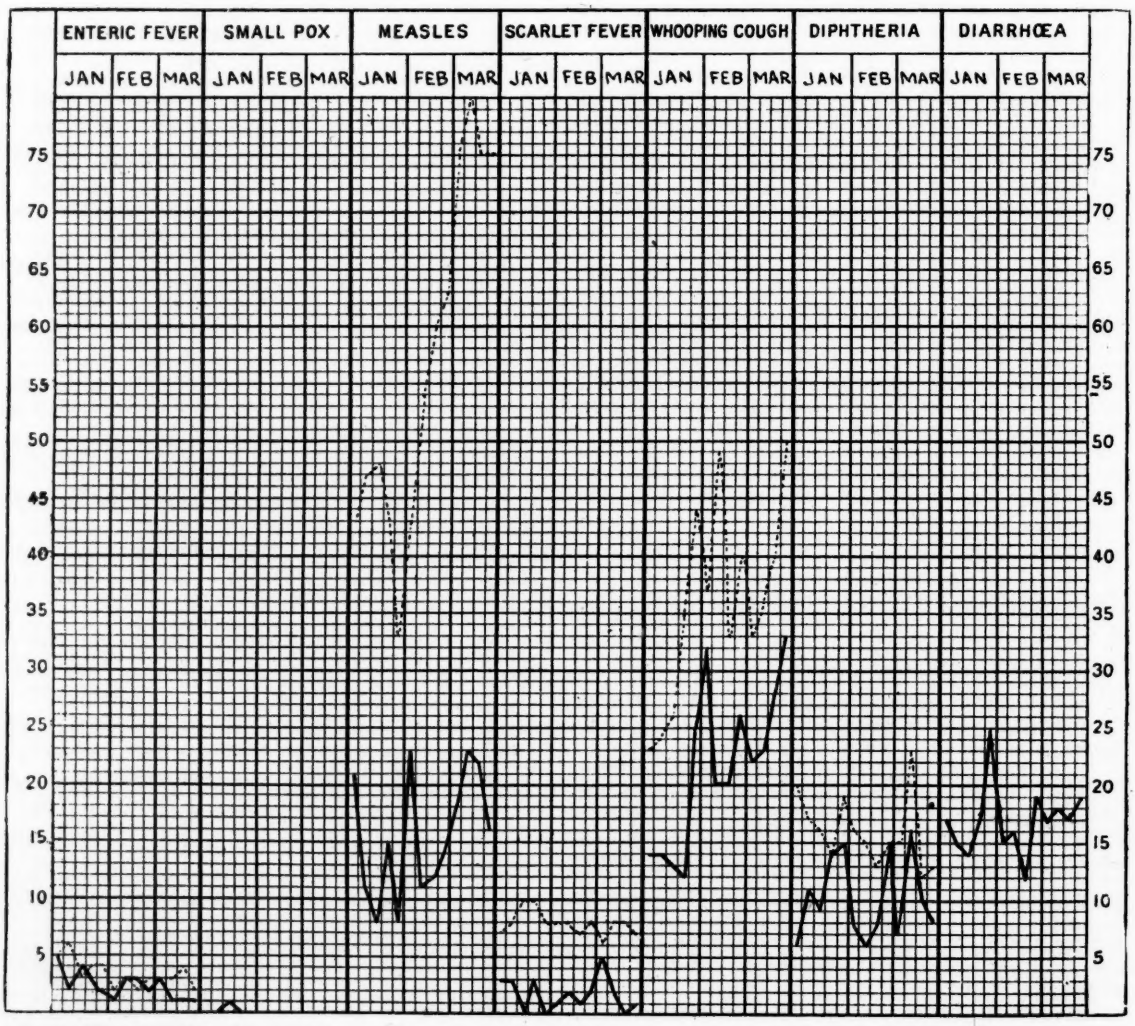
Whooping-cough.—The fatal cases of whooping-cough, which had been 359, 165, and 89 in the three preceding quarters, rose again to 283 last quarter, but were 187 below the corrected average number in the corresponding period of the five preceding years. This disease was proportionally most fatal last quarter in Fulham, Islington, Stepney, Poplar, and Southwark.

Diphtheria.—The deaths from diphtheria, which had been 123, 129, and 190 in the three preceding quarters, declined again last quarter to 133, and were 75 below the corrected average number; the greatest proportional mortality from this disease was recorded in Hampstead, St. Pancras, Shoreditch, Poplar, Southwark, Battersea, and Lewisham. There were 1,045 diphtheria patients under treatment in the Metropolitan Asylums Hospitals at the end of last quarter, against 771, 892, and 1,294 at the end of the three preceding quarters; 1,706 new cases were admitted during the quarter, against 1,298, 1,456, and 2,142 in the three preceding quarters.

Diarrhoea.—The deaths under this heading are those attributed to diarrhoea and enteritis among children under 2 years of age; they numbered 217 in the quarter under notice, and caused the highest death-rates in St. Marylebone, St. Pancras, Finsbury, Shoreditch, Stepney, Poplar, Battersea, and Lewisham.

In conclusion, it may be stated that the mortality in London last quarter from these epidemic diseases in the aggregate was nearly 52 per cent. below the average.

DEATHS FROM EPIDEMIC DISEASES IN LONDON DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1912.



NOTE.—The black lines show the *recorded* number of deaths from each disease during each week of the quarter. The dotted lines show the *average* number of deaths in the corresponding weeks of the five preceding years, 1907–11. Under the heading "Diarrhoea" are given the deaths from diarrhoea and enteritis among children under 2 years of age; the corrected average number of these deaths is not available.

Vacancies and Appointments.

VACANCIES.

WARNING NOTICE.—Attention is called to a Notice (see Index to Advertisements—Warning Notice) appearing in our advertisement columns, giving particulars of vacancies as to which inquiries should be made before application.

BEDFORD: BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.—Assistant School Medical Officer and Deputy County Medical Officer of Health. Salary, £300 per annum.

BIRMINGHAM: QUEEN'S HOSPITAL.—Pathologist. Honorarium, £100 per annum.

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY.—Assistant Lecturer in Pathology and Bacteriology. Stipend, £50 per annum.

BRIXTON DISPENSARY, Water Lane, S.W.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £150 per annum.

CANCER HOSPITAL, Fulham Road, S.W.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £70 per annum.

CENTRAL LONDON THROAT AND EAR HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.—(1) Resident House-Surgeon; salary, £50 per annum. (2) Registrar. (3) Clinical Assistants.

CHARING CROSS HOSPITAL, W.C.—(1) Assistant Surgeon; (2) Assistant Obstetric Physician.

CHESTERFIELD AND NORTH DERBYSHIRE HOSPITAL.—House-Physician. Salary, £80 per annum.

CITY OF LONDON LYING-IN HOSPITAL, City Road, E.C.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary at the rate of £50 per annum.

COVENTRY: COVENTRY AND WARWICKSHIRE HOSPITAL.—Senior House-Surgeon. Salary, £120 per annum.

DUNDEE DISTRICT ASYLUM.—(1) Senior Resident Medical Officer. (2) Junior Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £175 and £120 per annum, increasing to £250 and £150 respectively.

DUNFERMLINE: CARNEGIE DUNFERMLINE TRUSTS.—Lady Medical Officer to act as Third Assistant. Salary, £250 per annum.

EAST LONDON HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Shadwell, E.—Second Medical Officer (Male) to the Casualty Department. Salary at the rate of £40 per annum.

EDINBURGH: THE HOSPICE.—Medical Woman as Resident. Honorarium, £25 per annum.

EDINBURGH HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN.—Medical Woman as Junior Resident. Honorarium, £12 per annum.

FARRINGDON GENERAL DISPENSARY AND LYING-IN CHARITY, Bartlett's Buildings, E.C.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum.

FOLKESTONE: ROYAL VICTORIA HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

GLOUCESTER: GLOUCESTERSHIRE ROYAL INFIRMARY AND EYE INSTITUTION.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Remuneration at the rate of £80 per annum.

HESTON AND ISLEWORTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.—Medical Officer of Health and School Medical Officer. Salary, £500 per annum.

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street, W.C.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £30 for six months and £2 10s. washing allowance.

HUDDERSFIELD ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum.

KILMUIR PARISH COUNCIL.—Medical Officer. Salary, £75 per annum.

LEAMINGTON SPA BOROUGH.—Medical Officer of Health. Salary, £450 per annum, rising to £500.

LONDON (ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL) SCHOOL OF MEDICINE FOR WOMEN.—Lecturer and Head of the Department of Anatomy.

LIVERPOOL DISPENSARIES.—Assistant Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

MACCLESFIELD GENERAL INFIRMARY.—Senior House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

MANCHESTER CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.—Male Medical Officer for Out-patient Department. Salary, £180 per annum.

MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY.—Chair of Veterinary Pathology and Directorship of the Veterinary Institute. Salary, £900 per annum, together with life insurance premium of £100.

MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL, W.—Assistant to Out-patient Physicians.

MOUNT VERNON HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—(1) House-Physician at Hampstead. (2) House-Physician at Northwood. Salary, £75 per annum each.

NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS FOR PERSONS REQUIRING CARE AND CONTROL.—Two Superintendents. Salary, £300 per annum, rising to £400.

NEWPORT AND MONMOUTHSHIRE HOSPITAL.—(1) House-Physician. (2) House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 and £60 per annum respectively.

NORTHAMPTON GENERAL HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon (Male). Salary, £90 per annum, increasing to £100.

NOTTINGHAM GENERAL DISPENSARY (Branch).—Assistant Resident Surgeon (Male). Salary, £160 per annum.

PLAISTOW: MEDICAL MISSION HOSPITAL.—Junior Resident Medical Officer (Female) for the Dispensary.

PRINCE OF WALES'S GENERAL HOSPITAL, Tottenham, N.—Junior House-Physician. Salary, £50 per annum.

QUEEN ADELAIDE'S DISPENSARY, Pollard Road, E.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum.

ROYAL EYE HOSPITAL, St. George's Circus, S.E.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £50 per annum.

SCARBOROUGH HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY.—Senior House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

SHEFFIELD EDUCATION COMMITTEE.—Assistant School Medical Officer for Elementary School. Salary, £250 per annum, increasing to £300.

SHEFFIELD ROYAL HOSPITAL.—Sixth Resident. Salary, £60 per annum.

SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY.—Demonstrator in Anatomy. Salary, £150 per annum.

SINGAPORE MUNICIPALITY.—Resident Medical Officer for the Infectious Diseases Hospital. Salary, £400 per annum, increasing to £450.

SOUTHAMPTON FREE EYE HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

STAFFORD: STAFFORDSHIRE GENERAL INFIRMARY.—House-Physician. Salary, £120 per annum, increasing to £140.

SUNDERLAND: DURHAM COUNTY AND SUNDERLAND EYE INFIRMARY.—Locumtenent for House-Surgeon. Remuneration, 5 guineas a week.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS GENERAL HOSPITAL.—House-Physician (Male). Salary, £100 per annum.

WAKEFIELD GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Assistant House-Surgeon (Male). Salary, £100 per annum.

WARRINGTON INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £100 per annum.

WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL, S.W.—(1) Medical Registrar; honorarium, £50 per annum. (2) Fourth Assistant Physician.

WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Hammersmith Road, W.—(1) Physician. (2) House-Physician. (3) Non-resident Casualty Officer, salary at the rate of £100 per annum.

WINCHESTER: ROYAL HAMPSHIRE COUNTY HOSPITAL.—House-Physician (Male). Salary, £80 per annum.

WOLVERHAMPTON AND STAFFORDSHIRE GENERAL HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £80 per annum.

WOMEN'S HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Harrow Road, W.—Two Clinical Assistants (Women).

ZANZIBAR PUBLIC HEALTH AND MEDICAL DEPARTMENTS.—(1) Assistant Health Officer at Zanzibar. (2) Medical Officer at Pemba. Salary, £350 per annum and bonus of £300 on completion of term of service.

CERTIFYING FACTORY SURGEONS.—The Chief Inspector of Factories announces the following vacant appointments: Bermondsey (London), Leyburn (Yorks, North Riding).

This list of vacancies is compiled from our advertisement columns, where full particulars will be found. To ensure notice in this column advertisements must be received not later than the first post on Wednesday morning.

APPOINTMENTS.

CHAFF, T. W., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., District Medical Officer of the Salford Union.

FRASER, Kenneth, M.B., Ch.B.Edin., D.P.H.Camb., Assistant Medical Officer to the Cumberland County Council.

STRATTON, W., L.R.C.P. and S.I., District Medical Officer of the Mansfield Union.

WILSON, J. B. F., M.B., Assistant Medical Officer of the Workhouse, Infirmary, etc., of the Hackney Union.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 3s. 6d., which sum should be forwarded in Post Office Orders or Stamps with the notice not later than Wednesday morning in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.

BIRTHS.

ANDERSON.—May 22nd, 1912, at Aldersbrook House, Wanstead Park, London, E., to Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Anderson—a son.

RUSHER.—On May 14th, at The Paddock, Pershore, the wife of John Golby Rusher, of a son.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

MONDAY.

LONDON HOSPITAL MEDICAL COLLEGE, E., 4.15 p.m.—Dr. Henry Head, F.R.S.: Diagnostic Value of Sensory Changes in Diseases of the Nervous System.

TUESDAY.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON, Pall Mall East, S.W., 5 p.m.—Second Lumleian Lecture by Dr. Percy Kidd: Some Moot Points in the Pathology and Clinical History of Pneumonia.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE:

THERAPEUTICAL AND PHARMACOLOGICAL SECTION, 4.30 p.m.—(1) Annual Meeting and Election of Officers. (2) Papers: Dr. Clarke (Cambridge): Action of Digitalis. Professor Cushny, F.R.S.: Action of the Digitalis Series.

THURSDAY.

NORTH-EAST LONDON CLINICAL SOCIETY, Prince of Wales's Hospital, Tottenham, 4.15 p.m.—(1) Annual Meeting and Election of Officers. (2) Clinical Meeting.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON, Pall Mall East, S.W., 5 p.m.—Third Lumleian Lecture by Dr. Percy Kidd: Some Moot Points in the Pathology and Clinical History of Pneumonia.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE:

OBSTETRICAL AND GYNAECOLOGICAL SECTION, 8 p.m.—Dr. Purslow: (a) Polypoid Endometritis and Cysts in Cervix; (b) Gravid Uterus with Multiple Fibroids. Dr. Clifford White: Malformed Fetus. Dr. Barris: Tubercle of Fallopian Tube. Dr. Willett and Dr Williamson: Cases of Dystocia Due to Premature Retraction Ring. Miss A. L. McIlroy: The Physiological Influence of Ovarian Secretion.

FRIDAY.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE:

LARYNGOLOGICAL SECTION.—Cases of Specimens Relating to Diseases of the Sphenoidal Sinuses.

WEST LONDON MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY, West London Hospital, 8.30 p.m.—Papers: (1) Mr. J. D. Mortimer: Prevention of Abdominal Rigidity under Anaesthesia. (2) Mr. H. M. Page: Nitrous Oxide and Oxygen in Major Operations and Conservative Dentistry.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Brompton, S.W.—Wednesday, 4 p.m., Natural Immunity.

LONDON SCHOOL OF CLINICAL MEDICINE, Seamen's Hospital, Greenwich.—Daily arrangements: Out-patient Demonstration, 10 a.m.; Medical and Surgical Clinics, 2.15 p.m. and 3.15 p.m. respectively; Operations, 2 p.m. Special Clinics: Ear and Throat, at noon and 4.30 p.m., Monday, and noon, Thursday; Skin, at noon and 4 p.m., Tuesday, and noon, Friday. Eye, 11 a.m., Wednesday and Saturday. Radiography, Thursday, 4.30 p.m. Pathological Demonstration, Friday, 11 a.m. Special Lectures: Tuesday, 2.15 p.m., Ulcers. Wednesday, 5 p.m., Surgical Demonstration. Thursday, 4.30 p.m., Sydenham's Chorea.

LONDON SCHOOL OF TROPICAL MEDICINE.—Lectures daily (Saturday excepted) at 12 noon and 4 p.m. Practical Laboratory work daily (Saturday excepted), 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Practical Entomology, 2 to 3.30 p.m. daily; Special Entomology, 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily. Medical Clinics, Monday and Thursday, at 3 p.m. Operations, Friday, at 3 p.m.

MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Tuesday, 4.30 p.m.: Demonstration of Medical Cases. Friday, 4.30 p.m.: Malignant Stricture of the Intestine.

MEDICAL GRADUATES' COLLEGE AND POLYCLINIC, 22, Chenies Street, W.C.—The following Clinical Demonstrations have been arranged for next week at 4 p.m. each day: Monday, Skin. Tuesday, Medical. Wednesday, Surgical. Thursday, Medical. Friday, Ear, Nose, and Throat. Lectures at 5.15 p.m. each day will be given as follows: Monday, The Treatment of Dyspepsia. Tuesday, The Late Results of Suprapubic Prostatectomy for Simple Enlargement of the Prostate. Wednesday, The Causes of Insanity. Thursday, Some Obscure Affections of the Foot. Friday, The Diagnosis of Tissues.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR THE PARALYSED AND EPILEPTIC, Queen Square, W.C.—Tuesday and Friday, 3.30 p.m., Surgery of the Nervous System.

NORTH-EAST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Prince of Wales's General Hospital, Tottenham, N.—Monday, Clinics: 10 a.m., Surgical Out-patient; 2.30 p.m., Medical Out-patient, Nose, Throat, and Ear; 3 p.m., Demonstration on Clinical and General Pathology. Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Operations; Clinics: Surgical, Gynaecological; 3.30 p.m., Medical In-patient. Wednesday, 2 p.m., Throat Operations; 2.30 p.m., Medical Out-patient; Skin and Eye Clinics: *X* Rays; 3 p.m., Pathological Demonstration; 5.30 p.m., Eye Operations. Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Gynaecological Operations. Clinics: Medical and Surgical Out-patient; 3 p.m., Medical In-patient. Friday, 2.30 p.m., Operations; Clinics: Medical Out-patient, Surgical, Eye; 3 p.m., Medical In-patient; Pathological Demonstration.

WEST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Hammersmith Road, W.—Medical and Surgical Clinics, *X* Rays, and Operations, 2 p.m. daily. Monday: Gynaecology, 10 a.m.; Pathological Demonstration, 12 noon; Eye, 2 p.m. Tuesday: Gynaecological Operations, 10 a.m.; Demonstration of Minor Operations, 11 a.m.; Throat, Nose, and Ear, 2 p.m.; Skin, 2 p.m. Wednesday: Diseases of Children, 10 a.m.; Throat, Nose, and Ear Operations, 10 a.m.; Eye, 2 p.m.; Gynaecology, 2 p.m. Thursday: Gynaecological Demonstration, 10 a.m.; Lecture: Practical Medicine, 12.15 p.m.; Eye, 2 p.m.; Orthopaedics, 2 p.m. Friday: Gynaecological Operations, 10 a.m.; Lecture: Clinical Pathology, 12.15 p.m.; Throat, Nose, and Ear, 2 p.m.; Skin, 2 p.m. Saturday: Diseases of Children, 10 a.m.; Throat, Nose, and Ear Operations, 10 a.m.; Eye, 10 a.m. Special Lectures at 5 p.m. daily.

DIARY OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Date.		Meetings to be Held.
		JUNE.
5	Wed.	Hampstead Provisional Medical Committee, 8.30 p.m.
6	Thur.	South Midland Branch, Aylesbury, Annual Meeting, 2.30 p.m.; Luncheon, 1.15 p.m.
		Greenwich Division, Catford, Annual Meeting, 3.30 p.m.
		Dundee Division, Dundee, Annual Meeting, 4 p.m.
		Lambeth Division, Bethlem Hospital, Annual Meeting, 4 p.m.
7	Fri.	Central Ethical Committee, London, 2 p.m.
		Journal Committee, London, 11 a.m.
8	Sat.	Issue of Voting Papers for Central Council Election from Head Office.
11	Tues.	Public Health Committee, London, 3.30 p.m.
		South-Eastern Counties Division, St. Boswells, Annual Meeting, 3.15 p.m.
12	Wed.	Medico-Political Committee, London, 2 p.m.
		Fife Branch, Kirkcaldy, Annual Meeting, 3 p.m.
		Forfarshire Division, Annual Meeting.
13	Thur.	Hampstead Division, Central Library, Finchley Road, Annual Meeting, 8.15 p.m.
		East York and North Lincolnshire Branch, Grimsby, Annual Meeting.
14	Fri.	Mid Staffordshire Division, Stafford, Annual Meeting, 2.45 p.m. for 3 p.m.
15	Sat.	Last day for receipt of Voting Papers at Head Office *re* Central Council Election.
17	Mon.	Naval and Military Committee, London (if necessary).
18	Tues.	Organization Committee, London, 2.30 p.m.
19	Wed.	South-Eastern Branch, Town Hall, Bromley, Annual Meeting, 2.15 p.m.; Lunch, 1 p.m.; Dinner, 6.30 p.m.
		Bath and Bristol Branch, Annual Meeting.
		East Anglian Branch, Brentwood, Annual Meeting.
		JUNE (*continued*).
20	Thur.	Metropolitan Counties Branch Council, 4 p.m.
26	Wed.	Finance Committee, London, 2.30 p.m.
		South-Western Branch, Newquay, Annual Meeting, 3 p.m.
27	Thur.	Edinburgh Branch, Edinburgh, Annual Meeting, 4 p.m.
28	Fri.	Metropolitan Counties Branch, 429, Strand, W.C., Annual Meeting, 4.30 p.m.
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3	Wed.	Central Council, London, 2 p.m.
		Annual Meeting, Liverpool.
19	Fri.	Annual Representative Meeting.
20	Sat.	Annual Representative Meeting.
22	Mon.	Council Meeting, 9.30 a.m.
		Annual Representative Meeting, 10 a.m.
		Secretaries' Conference and Dinner, 7 p.m.
23	Tues.	Annual Representative Meeting, 9.30 a.m.
		Annual General Meeting, 2 p.m., President's Address, 8.30 p.m.
24	Wed.	Council Meeting, 9 a.m.
		Sectional Meetings, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
		Address in Medicine, 12.30 p.m.
		Religious Services, 3 p.m.
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		Address in Surgery, 12.30 p.m.
		Annual Dinner, 7.30 p.m.
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		Sectional Meetings, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
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